

# Chicago Knanaya Catholic Parish Bulletin

Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church, 611 Maple St., Maywood, IL 60153

St. Mary's Parish Unit, 5212 W. Agatite Ave, Chicago, IL 60630

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## വാർഷിക ധ്യാനം

വിശുദ്ധ വാരത്തിനൊരക്കമായുള്ള ഈ വർഷത്തെ ധ്യാനം മാർച്ച് 6, 8 തീയതികളിൽ (വ്യാഴം, ശനി) വൈകുന്നേരം 6:30 മുതൽ കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി സെന്ററിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും. വെള്ളിയാഴ്ച വൈകുന്നേരം 6:30നും, ശനിയും ഞായറും 10:00 മുതൽ 5:00 വരെയും ഇടവക പള്ളിയിൽ ധ്യാനം നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നതാണ്.

### ANNUAL RETREAT

AT COMMUNITY CENTER: March 6, Thursday from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

March 8, Saturday from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

AT PARISH CHURCH: March 7, Friday from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

March 8 & 9, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

### RETREAT TEAM:

Devine Retreat Center New Jersey, USA, The U.S. Branch of Potta Devine Ministry

Fr. Anthony Thekkanath V.C., Fr. Martin Kalamparambil V.C., & Toby Manimaleth



## ഹോളി ഹില്ലിൽ കുരിശിന്റെ വഴി

നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയുടെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ സെക്രഡ് ഹാർട്ട് പള്ളിയും സെന്റ് മേരീസ് യൂണിറ്റും സഹകരിച്ച് വിസ്തോൺസിനിലുള്ള ഹോളി ഹില്ലിൽ മാർച്ച് 15 ശനിയായ് ഉച്ചകഴിഞ്ഞ് 1:00ന് സ്ത്രീവാ പാത നടത്തുന്നതാണ്. കുട്ടികൾക്ക് ഇംഗ്ലീഷിൽ പ്രത്യേക ബാച്ചായി നടത്തുന്നതാണ്. എല്ലാവരും സ്വന്തം വാഹനങ്ങളിലോ മറ്റുള്ളവരുമായി സഹകരിച്ചോ 12:45 ഓടുകൂടി വന്നുചേരമല്ലോ.



# Religious Education Festival Photo Feature

Inauguration of the Festival. Photo Below: Grand Finale



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**HOLY MASS**

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.  
5:30 P.M. at OLV, 5212 W. Agatite Ave, Chicago  
ENGLISH MASS at 11:30 A.M.  
THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. Community Center  
FRIDAY 7:00 P.M.  
SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

ON SUNDAYS 10:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.  
3:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at OLV for St. Mary's Unit

**ADORATION**

ALL: First Fridays after Mass.  
CHILDREN: Every 2nd and 4th Friday after Holy Mass.

**RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION**

First Saturdays from 10:00 A.M.

**NOVENAS**

**B.V. Mary** after Saturday 10:00 A.M. Mass.  
**St. Jude** Novena on Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. at Community Center.  
**St. Michael** 3rd Fridays of the month after 7:00 P.M. Mass.

**PRAYER GROUP**

Sundays after 10:00 A.M. Mass & 4:00 P.M. at OLV.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Sundays after 10:00 A.M. Mass

**LEGION OF MARY**

Saturdays after 10:00 A.M. Mass.

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Third Saturday after 10:00 A.M. Mass

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS' MEETING**

First Friday evenings after Holy Mass

**THEOLOGY COURSE**

Third Saturday after 10:00 A.M. Mass

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**Schedule of Events**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008**

Mass & Novena at 10:00 A.M.  
**Annual Retreat at parish church from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. by Devine Retreat Center.**  
Lunch will be available.

**Annual Retreat at Community Center from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. by Devine Retreat Center**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS TONIGHT**  
Turn your clock ahead one hour.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008**

Holy Mass at 10:00 A.M.  
Religious Education School from 10:00 A.M.  
**Annual Retreat at parish church from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. by Devine Retreat Center.**  
Lunch will be available.

English Mass at 11:30 A.M. at parish hall.  
**First Communion Parents Meeting of Sacred Heart School at 1:00 P.M.**  
**Retreat for Religious Education Students and staff from 1:00 P.M.**

Religious Education Class at OLV at 3:45 P.M.  
**First Communion Parents Meeting of St. Mary's School at 4:00 P.M. at OLV hall.**  
Mass at OLV at 5:30 P.M.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008**

Mass, Novena, **Way of the Cross** and Benediction at Community Center at 7:00 P.M.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008**

Mass and **Way of the Cross in English** at 7:00 P.M.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008**

വി. യൗസേപ്പ് പിതാവിന്റെ മരണ തിരുന്നാൾ (മാർച്ച് 19)  
Mass & Novena at 10:00 A.M.  
**Way of the Cross at Basilica of Holy Hill, 1525 Carmel Road, Hubertus, Wisconsin 53033 at 1:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2008**

ഓശാന ഞായർ  
**Palm Sunday Service with procession** at 10:00 A.M. at S.H. Church.  
**No Religious Education School and English Mass today at Sacred Heart Church.**  
St. Mary's Religious Education from 3:45 P.M.  
**Palm Sunday Service** at 5:30 P.M. at OLV Church.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2007**

പെസഹാ വ്യാഴം  
**Passover at Sacred Heart Church with washing of feet at 6:30 P.M.**  
കർബ്ബാനയെ തുടർന്ന് ഹാളിൽ അപ്പം മുറിക്കൽ.  
**Passover at Community Center with washing of feet at 9:00 P.M.**  
കർബ്ബാനയെ തുടർന്ന് അപ്പം മുറിക്കൽ.

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2007**

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## Pastor's Column

# A MEMORABLE FESTIVAL

My dear Religious Education students, teachers, volunteers, and parents,

I have not enough words to congratulate you all for the excellent presentation we had last Saturday at Mather High School auditorium when we celebrated our Religious Education Festival 2008. Every year we have been progressing in organizing this festival. This year it came with much perfection.

You have seen how excited our Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath was, as he was watching and responding to our program. He stayed with us from 6:00 P.M. until 10:30 P.M. encouraging us all. That was an unusual support from any bishop. He also presents our Religious Education Festival as a model to all parishes and missions of Syro-Malabar diocese all over North America. I would like to thank him again for his extra-ordinary encouragement.

"Though I have attended many cultural programs of various Malayalee Associations, the Religious Education Festival of the Knanaya Catholic Church is something unique." This was the remark of an elderly person who attended the festival. Let us analyze what made this festival so special:

This program was in tune with the communication strategy of Jesus, the best communicator the world has ever seen. Jesus used examples, stories, metaphors, visual presentations and dramatic events to communicate his message to the public that would be remembered for ever by generations to come. These were effective communication techniques, especially for simple people twenty centuries ago. If Jesus had said only theories, those would have been forgotten.

Our Religious Education program is for children from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade. If we communicate them with theories, those will not be remem-

bered for ever and will not have much impact in their lives. Whereas, these children and youth would remember the dances and ballets that they have staged for the festival throughout their lives. Along with the presentations, they also absorb the message behind the performances.

All the programs staged were of religious nature. We have proved that we can have our dance teachers help us with classical and folklore dances also to teach religion as they train discipline through dance and ballets. Our parents spend much money and time to train our children for dances and other cultural programs. However, those can be channeled to impart religious and moral values in them.

We let all our 550 children and youth to come up on the stage. Often we let only talented students to perform in public. Those who are shy or talented otherwise are left behind. Even the three-year old pre-kindergarten students were also on the stage trying their best to entertain us.

Though our parish is one, often times our programs are divided for Sacred Heart Church and St. Mary's Unit. However, this festival was a combined program bringing together all our people. The program was well disciplined and systematically organized without projecting anyone and without wasting time. This shows the growth of our parish and our community. Let us thank the Lord for all the favors we have received in organizing this event.

The credit goes to the team work of many of our organizers including Mrs. Mary Thomas Alumkal, general coordinator of the program, Sally Kizhakke-kuttu, coordinator for St. Mary's School, Johny Thekkepparambil, Coordinator of DREs, Tomy Kun-nacherry and Saji Poothrukayil, DREs, Bino Machanical and Maneesh Kaimoolayil, Assistant DREs, Meril Idiyalil and Neethu Kuruppanparambil, student secretaries, Choreographers of dances and ballets, teachers, volunteers, staff, and parish committees. I extend thanks and congratulations to all of them.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath

### Spot Light

Like Jesus, let us use entertainment to communicate religious and moral values.



# Non-cooperation and Our Future



**Presentation of Cyriac Lukose Puthenpurayil KCCNA General Secretary in the Archeparchial Assembly, held on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2008, at Chaithanya Pastoral Center, Kottayam, and responses to that from the assembly along with his reflection.**

Archeparchial Assembly is held once in five years to discuss important matters pertaining to the Kottayam Archdiocese. It is a three-day intense conference. KCCNA President Mr. Sunny Kottoor and I were invited to attend. Here is my report, reflections, and response from Kottayam.

“Your Excellency Mar Mathew Moolakatt, Mar Joseph Pandarasseril, Rev Fathers, Sisters, Lay leaders,

I am very delighted to be here to participate in this Archeparchial assembly traveling across the globe from the windy city of Chicago to God’s own country, Kerala, India. Thank you for your invitation.

In 1996, Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil and Mar Karottembrayil came to USA seeking support of Knanaites to establish Syro Malabar Church in North America. Mar Karottembrayil was a delegate send by Syro-Malabar hierarchy under Rome. I was then serving as Chicago KCS President, in 1996 and Fr Simon Edathiparambil was the Spiritual Director of KCS. We gave our full support with the implied condition given to us that once Syro-Malabar rite is established in North America, Knanaya people will have all rights and privileges exactly as in Kottayam. At the reception given to him at the KCS community center, Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil stated that Knanaya community is the 8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world, based on the traditions and values of our people. Bishop Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry who came for KCCNA Convention in Chicago in 1996, assured us that everything will be fine.

This was very attractive to us as were under Latin jurisdiction with a “rescript of 1986” a letter from Cardinal Lourdsamy, then head of the Oriental Congregation, restricting us not to import endogamy and give membership to non-Knanaites. This decision was based on letters written by a small group of people within the community in Chicago who are not in favor

of the practice of endogamy. They have misrepresented and misled Rome, including accepting decision of Rome on behalf of KCS. It is a shame that those who pride themselves as so called “Knas” have done this great damage to the community. In 1986, Mr. Johny Puthenparambil was serving as Chicago KCS President and I was KCS Vice President and Fr. Cyriac Mathuruthil was Spiritual Director of KCS. In spite of the pressures from Chicago Archdiocese, we protested this move and send over 300 signed petition to Chicago Archdiocese stating that Knanaya missions are Knanaites who practice endogamy.

We should thank our Spiritual Directors sent from Kottayam who have been historically conducting Knanaya missions and parishes almost as in Kerala for all practical purposes, in spite of the continued pressure from this small group. Today we are not sure about our future of how well we can establish ourselves as an identifiable community since we are instructed to give membership to non-Knanaites in the Knanaya missions and parishes.

KCCNA Executive along with Fr Abraham Mutholath met with Bishop Angadiath recently and he told us that his hands are tied because of the letter from oriental congregation, the “rescript of 1986” He told us that he has written letters to Rome and is even willing to send his delegate to Rome in support of our case. We understand that our bishops from Kottayam have been following this matter closely and are in communication with Rome.

Here are some of the questions that need clarification:

What was the basis on which “the promise” made to North American Knanaites by Mar Varkey Vithayathil and Mar Karottembrayil in 1996, that we will have the same set up as in Kottayam when he knew very well that there is a “rescript of 1986” in force?

Was this move from Syro Malabar hierarchy intended to show the numbers and solicit support from Rome to establish Syro Malabar rite in North America?

What are we benefiting from these deal in the long run? Will we be able to achieve our ecclesiastical independence or come under Kottayam jurisdiction or have separate diocese for Knanaites in North America with a Knanaya Bishop ruling us?

These are some of the issues bothering North American Knanaites. Now what is our action plan? How long can we go on like this without a proper de-

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cision from Rome on our matters? It is over quarter of century. It is time that we demand some decision within a given period of time as we cannot go on like this for ever, hoping some miracle will happen to have a favorable decision from Rome as Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil now states that he is Head of Syro Malabar Church and not Catholic Church. It is high time we should take matters to Rome, especially as Bishop Mar Angadiath promised to send a delegate for our case to Rome. Yes, as a united front we can achieve many goals and bring a closure to this issue.

Kottayam Diocese is well established as we got separate jurisdiction. The taste of McDonald hamburger is same in USA and in India. We live in a global community. What is applicable in Kottayam should be applicable here, in this land of the free. No one is going to help us unless we help ourselves. I request that all of the members present in this Archeparchial assembly to look into our concerns and advise as how best we can proceed from this point of crisis to amicable solution. I invite all of you who are able to come to USA to participate in the KCCNA Convention on July 24<sup>th</sup> -27th 2008. You may log on to [www.kccna.net](http://www.kccna.net) or [www.2008knanayaconvention.com](http://www.2008knanayaconvention.com). Thank you for your support.”

**RESPONSE FROM MAR MATHEW MOOLAKATT AND OTHER PRIESTS:**

Mar Mathew Moolakkatt thanked me for the presentation and welcomed us to the assembly. He stated that he is well aware of our problems and told us that the correspondence is going on a continuous basis from Kottayam to Rome. However, Rome will take its own time to respond and requested us to be patient. **Mar Moolakkatt also stated that he is not able to do much at this time as KCCNA has declared non cooperation with Syro Malabar hierarchy. He is of the opinion that we can only achieve our ecclesiastical independence by cooperating with Syro Malabar Authorities.**

**He also requested that he is willing to send any number of priests with the permission of Bishop Angadiath, provided North American Knanaites are willing to support financially and not at the mercy of Latin Church in USA.**

**Fr Jacob Kollaparambil, a researcher and canon law expert explained that the only way we can make some progress in North America is by getting separate diocese within Syro Malabar diocese. Currently, we have a region, which could be raised to vicariate and later to a diocese. For this we need more missions and parishes to show our strength to Rome.**

**MY REFLECTION ON THESE MATTERS AND ACTION PLAN:**

First of all let us identify the entity or issue that is hindering our ultimate goal of establishing a separate diocese or ecclesiastical independence. **If non cooperation of KCCNA is used as a tool in the hands of Syro Malabar authorities not to give us additional priests and missions, let us resolve that issue, and not compromise on the fact that Knanaya missions are for Knanaites born of both parents and those who practice endogamy.**

**Associations have a great role to play. Good fences make good neighbors. Let us be clear as what mission or parish can do or cannot do and what association can do and cannot do.** After all the customers are the same. We have a herculean task ahead of us. Let us unite our community and not further divide. I have been very transparent in my views with no hidden agenda, but only the ultimate growth of our people and community. It is up to us to get it together as responsible people keeping the future of our children. Convention is important, but we have bigger challenges ahead of us.

We will be working on this matter and get feedback from all our 20 units. Our priests and our bishops are equally concerned about our issues. Let us strengthen their hands and the hands of our elected leaders. It is easy to criticize. Positive criticism is always welcome. Only great people can appreciate other people. Let us hope for brighter days ahead of us.

**REGISTER FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE OFFERED BY OUR PARISH**  
Dates: April 11th 6:00 P.M. to 13th 6:00 P.M.  
Coordinator: Tonny Pullappally (630) 205-5078

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FESTIVAL PHOTOS



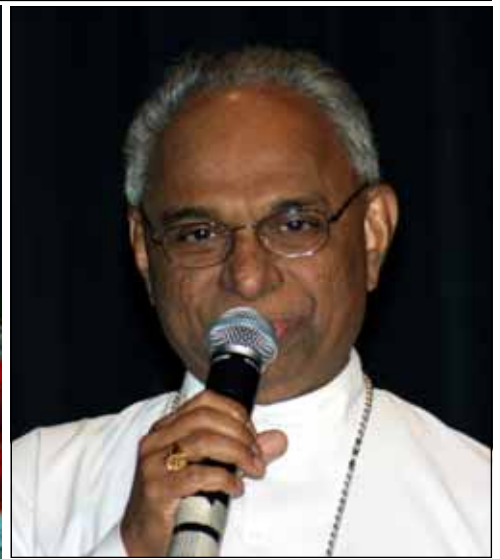












More photos of the Religious Education Festival will be available in the next issue.





Jose Chettiath, Platinum Sponsor of Manikilukkam Program handing over the amount to Fr. Abraham Mutholath.

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ഇടവകയുടെ ധനശേഖരണാർത്ഥം  
2008 ജൂൺ 7 ശനിയാഴ്ച  
വൈകുന്നേരം 6:00 ന്  
ഷിക്കാഗോ ഗേറ്റ്‌വേ തിയേറ്ററിൽ  
(5216 W Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL 60630)  
അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നു:**

**മണികിലുക്കം 2008**

**12th Death Anniversary**



**Mercy Simon Neycheril**  
November 24, 1953 -March 9, 1996  
By Kanjirathumkal Family

**Weekly Offering**



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**March 2**

<b>Mass OLV - St. Mary's Unit</b>	<b>132.00</b>
Offering for Malayalam Mass	992.00
Food (Women Ministry at Mather H. School)	1,214.73
Food (Women Ministry, Glenview )	216.00
Agape Store (for charity)	62.00
<b>TOTAL AT SACRED HEART</b>	<b>2,484.73</b>



**Ushers at Sacred Heart**

March 9	March 16
<p><b>10:00 A.M. MASS</b> Abeena Karikkal Nirmal Maniparambil Soumya Kulathilkarottu Kichu Maliackalthara</p> <p><b>11:30 A.M. English Mass</b> Jeffin Chakkalalal Jogin Kadamuriyil</p>	<p><b>10:00 A.M. MASS</b> Sherry Kulathilkarottu Vinitha Padinjath Kichu Maliackalthara Tinu Parangattu Stephanie Vanchipurackal Jamie Mutholam</p>

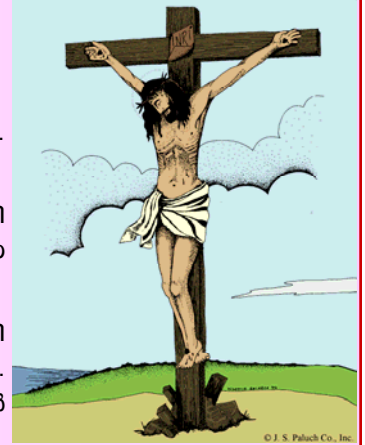
**READERS / LECTORS**

**നോമ്പുകാലം**

March 9	PASSAGE	MALAYALAM MASS	ENGLISH MASS	ST. MARY'S UNIT
1st Reading	Ezekiel 37:12-14	Surej Koladiyil	Joyal Perikalathil	Jeffrin Thirunelliparampil
2nd Reading	Romans 8:8-11	Jisha Poothura	Sumith Vettathukandathil	Princeton Alappattu
March 16				
1st Reading	Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12	Shinu Muprapalil	No English Mass	Elsamma Poozhikunnel
2nd Reading	Zachariah 9:9-10	Saji Erappurathu	No English Mass	Sunny Meledam



# വിശുദ്ധ വാര കർമ്മങ്ങൾ



**ഓശാന** (മാർച്ച് 16) രാവിലെ 10:00ന് ഇടവക പള്ളിയിലും വൈകുന്നേരം 5:30ന് ഓ.എൽ.വി. പള്ളിയിലും കരുത്തോല വെഞ്ചറിപ്പ്, പ്രദക്ഷിണം, കർണ്ണാന.

**പെസഹാ വ്യാഴം** (മാർച്ച് 20) വൈകുന്നേരം 6:30ന് ഇടവകപള്ളിയിലും രാത്രി 9:00 ന് കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി സെന്ററിലും കാലുകഴുകൽ ശുശ്രൂഷയും കർണ്ണാനയും അപ്പം മുറിക്കലും. (രണ്ടിടത്തും പെസഹാ അപ്പവും പാലും കൊണ്ടുവന്നു സഹകരിക്കുമല്ലോ).

**ദുഃഖവെള്ളി** (മാർച്ച് 21) രാവിലെ 10:00ന് ഇടവകപള്ളിയിലും വൈകുന്നേരം 7:00 ന് കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി സെന്ററിലും പീഡാനുഭവ ശുശ്രൂഷയും ആഘോഷമായ കുരിശിന്റെ വഴിയും കഞ്ഞിനേർച്ചയും. (ഇടവക പള്ളിയിലെ സ്ലീവാ പാതയ്ക്ക് കയ്യിൽ പിടിക്കുവാൻ എല്ലാവരും കുരിശുകൾ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നത് നന്നായിരിക്കും..

**ദുഃഖശനി:** (മാർച്ച് 22) ഇടവക പള്ളിയിൽ രാവിലെ 10:00ന് ദുഃഖശനി ആചരണം: പുത്തൻ തീ, പുത്തൻ വെള്ളം വെഞ്ചറിപ്പ് (തീരികളും വിശുദ്ധ ജലം കൊണ്ടുപോകുവാൻ ചെറിയ പാത്രവും കൊണ്ടുവരാം) അന്നാനുസ്മാന വ്രത നവീകരണം, കർണ്ണാന.

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