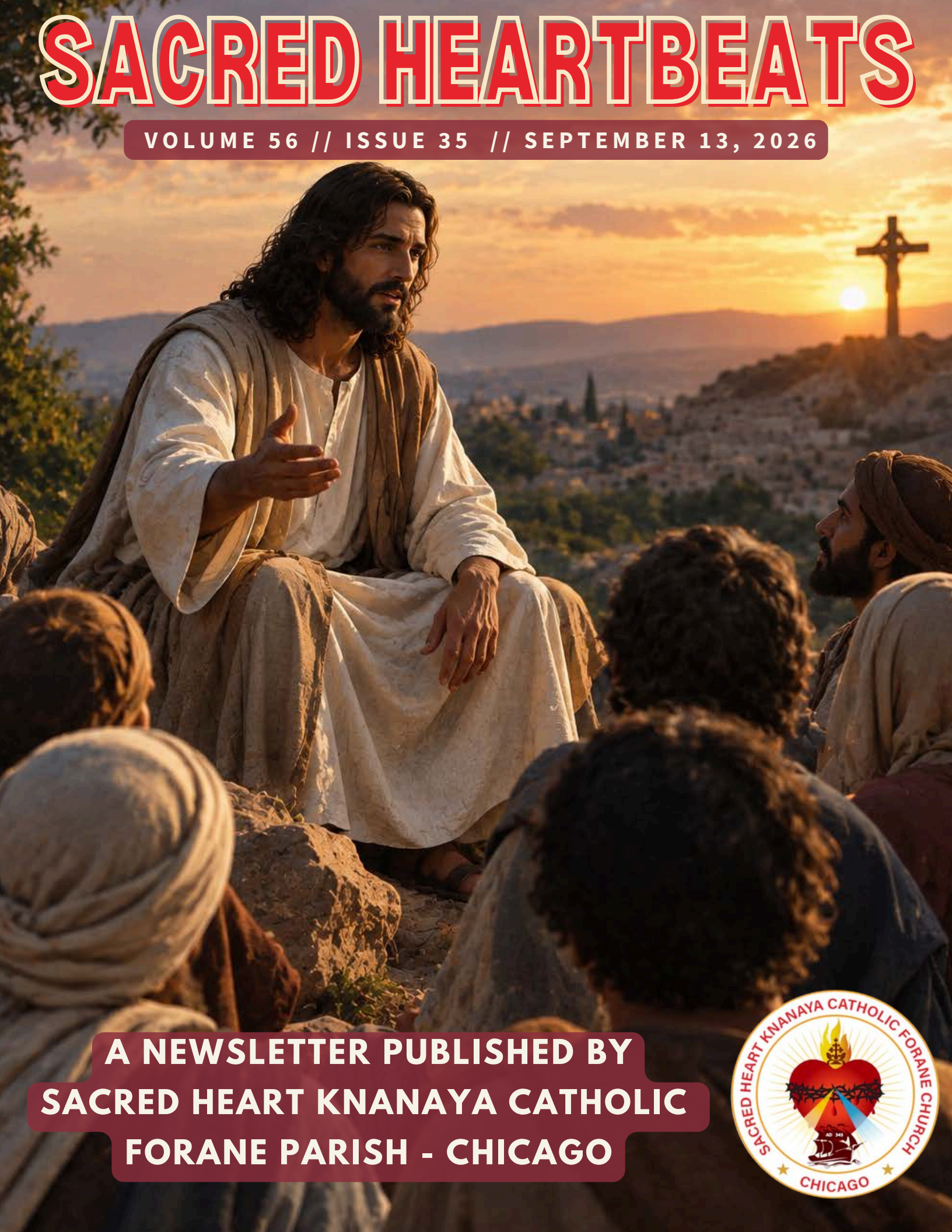
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Message from our Vicar



Be Prepared for Christ

The Gospel today invites us to live with watchful hearts. Jesus uses the simple image of a fig tree: when its leaves become tender, you know summer is near. In the same way, the Lord teaches us to read the signs of God's presence in our daily lives — not with fear, but with faithful attentiveness.

He reminds us that His coming will be sudden, like a thief in the night. The point is not to frighten us, but to awaken us. A Christian is not called to predict the future, but to live the present with readiness — in prayer, charity, forgiveness, and holiness. When our hearts stay awake, Christ's coming — whether in daily moments or at the end of time — becomes not a threat, but a joyful encounter.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION ~ MATHEW 10: 34 -42

Source: Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations

WHAT DOES WARFARE AND WEAPONS, SUCH AS THE SWORD, HAVE TO DO WITH THE REIGN OF GOD? JESUS CAME IN PEACE TO RECONCILE A BROKEN AND SINFUL HUMANITY WITH AN ALL-MERCIFUL AND LOVING GOD. JESUS ALSO CAME TO WAGE WAR, TO OVERTHROW THE POWERS AND PRINCIPALITIES ARRAYED AGAINST GOD AND HIS KINGDOM. WHAT ARE THESE POWERS? JESUS DESCRIBES SATAN AS THE RULER OF THIS WORLD WHOM HE WILL CAST OUT (JOHN 12:31). THE BATTLE JESUS HAD IN MIND WAS NOT AN EARTHLY CONFLICT BETWEEN NATIONS, BUT A SPIRITUAL WARFARE BETWEEN THE FORCES OF SATAN AND THE ARMIES OF GOD. THE SCRIPTURES MAKE CLEAR THAT THERE ARE ULTIMATELY ONLY TWO POWERS OR KINGDOMS — GOD'S KINGDOM AND THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS. JOHN CONTRAST THESE TWO KINGDOMS IN THE STARKEST OF TERMS: WE KNOW THAT WE ARE OF GOD, AND THE WHOLE WORLD IS IN THE POWER OF THE EVIL ONE (1 JOHN 5:19). WHAT DOES SATAN SEEK? SATAN OPPOSES GOD AND ALL WHO WOULD FOLLOW CHRIST. THE EVIL ONE HAS BUT ONE AIM — THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF OUR HEART, MIND, AND WILL FOR HIS KINGDOM. AND HE WILL USE ANY MEANS TO DRAW US FROM GOOD TO EVIL, FROM TRUTH TO DECEPTION, FROM LIGHT TO DARKNESS, AND FROM LIFE TO DEATH. THERE ARE NO NEUTRAL PARTIES IN THIS SPIRITUAL BATTLE. WE ARE EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THE CHOICE IS OURS AND GOD'S GRACE IS AVAILABLE TO CHOOSE FOR HIS RULE IN OUR LIVES.

WHEN JESUS SPOKE ABOUT DIVISION HE LIKELY HAD IN MIND THE PROPHECY OF MICAH: A MAN'S ENEMIES ARE THE MEN OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD (MICAH 7:6). THE LOVE OF GOD COMPELS US TO CHOOSE WHO WILL BE FIRST IN OUR LIVES. TO PLACE ANY RELATIONSHIP OR ANYTHING ELSE ABOVE GOD IS A FORM OF IDOLATRY. JESUS CHALLENGES HIS DISCIPLES TO EXAMINE WHO THEY LOVE FIRST AND FOREMOST. A TRUE DISCIPLE LOVES GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE AND IS WILLING TO FORSAKE ALL FOR JESUS CHRIST. JESUS INSISTS THAT HIS DISCIPLES GIVE HIM THE LOYALTY WHICH IS ONLY DUE TO GOD, A LOYALTY WHICH IS HIGHER THAN SPOUSE OR KIN. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FAMILY AND FRIENDS CAN BECOME OUR ENEMIES, IF THE THOUGHT OF THEM KEEPS US FROM DOING WHAT WE KNOW GOD WANTS US TO DO.

TRUE LOVE FOR GOD COMPELS US TO EXPRESS CHARITY TOWARDS OUR NEIGHBOR WHO IS CREATED IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD. JESUS DECLARED THAT ANY KINDNESS SHOWN AND ANY HELP GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE OF CHRIST WILL NOT LOSE ITS REWARD. JESUS NEVER REFUSED TO GIVE TO ANYONE IN NEED WHO ASKED FOR HIS HELP. AS HIS DISCIPLES WE ARE CALLED TO BE KIND AND GENEROUS AS HE IS. JESUS SETS BEFORE HIS DISCIPLES THE ONE GOAL IN LIFE THAT IS WORTH ANY SACRIFICE AND THAT GOAL IS THE WILL OF GOD WHICH PRODUCES REAL LIFE AND ULTIMATE AND COMPLETELY SATISFYING PEACE. DOES THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST COMPEL YOU TO PUT GOD FIRST IN ALL YOU DO (2 CORINTHIANS 5:14)?

"LORD, NO EYE HAS SEEN, NO EAR HAS HEARD, NO HEART HAS CONCEIVED THE THINGS YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE YOU. SET US ABLAZE WITH THE FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY LOVE YOU IN AND ABOVE ALL THINGS AND SO RECEIVE THE REWARDS YOU HAVE PROMISED US THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD." (FROM A CHRISTIAN'S PRAYER BOOK)

THIS WEEK AT SHKC:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
8:00 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
10:00 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA & CCD
11:30 ENGLISH QURBANA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026
8.30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
7:00 PM MALAYALAM QURBANA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
8.30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
7:00 PM MALAYALAM QURBANA
& ST ANTHONY NOVENA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
8.30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
7:00 PM MALAYALAM QURBANA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
8.30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
7:00 PM MALAYALAM QURBANA
& ST JUDE NOVENA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
8.30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
7:00 PM MALAYALAM QURBANA
& SACRED HEART NOVENA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
10:00 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
& OL PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
8:00 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
10:00 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
11:30 ENGLISH QURBANA



Bible Readers

SEPTEMBER 13

1ST READING:

ZECHARIAH 14:1-9

8:00 -VOLUNTEER

10:00 - SUJA THARATHATTEL

11:30 - REBEKAH MULIYANIKUNNEL

2ND READING:

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-35

8:00 - VOLUNTEER

10:00 -SIJO PULLORKUNNEL

11:30 -BENJAMIN OLIYIL

SEPTEMBER 20

1ST READING:

ZECHARIAH 10:8-12

8:00 -VOLUNTEER

10:00 -MARY PANAYAPARMBIL

11:30 -EMMELINE KULLATHIKAROTE

2ND READING:

GALATIANS 6:11-18

8:00 - VOLUNTEER

10:00 -KURIAN NELLAMATTOM

11:30 -JACOB MOONUPARAYIL

OFFERINGS

August 30th:
Qurbana's: $1440
Novena/Nercha: $10
Facility Usage Donation:$2500
Ellunojbg: $229
Sponsor:$1200
TOTAL - $5379

THANK YOU

"Fear not, for I am with you"

~ Isaiah 41:10



SACRED HEART
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [ ] SEPTEMBER 13TH SUNDAY HARVEST FEAST BY VINCENT D'PAUL
- [ ] SEPTEMBER 13TH ST. ALPHONSA KOODARYOGAM AT CHURCH
- [ ] SEPTEMBER 20TH SUNDAY BLOOD DRIVE BY ALL MINISTRYS
- [ ] SEPTEMBER 20TH SUNDAY OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE KOODARYOGAM AT KAVALACKAL SINOY & SUNI
- [ ] SEPTEMBER 25TH FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AND BBQ

VIRTUS TRAINING AT SHKC



BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church Blood Drive

Sunday, September 20
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Vitalant Bus
145 E. Grand Ave, Bensenville, IL 60106

SCAN HERE TO SCHEDULE

To schedule an appointment call Vitalant at 877.258.4825, scan the QR code, or visit Vitalant.org and search Blood Drive Code: **100564892**

Prepare: Eat well, hydrate, and bring photo ID.
Appointments encouraged. Walk-ins welcomed.

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Blood Donation

CHILD PROTECTION NOTICE

Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Forane Parish in alignment with the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Diocese and USCCB are fully committed to protecting our children and youth from abuse and misconduct. We maintain a zero-tolerance policy and strictly follow all child protection guidelines.

If you suspect or have a complaint regarding child abuse, please report it immediately using the contact information below. If you believe a child is in immediate danger or harm, call 911 first. It's all our responsibility to protect God's children.

📞 DIRECT REPORTING CONTACTS

DCFS 24-Hour Hotline (Civil Authorities)
Phone: 800-252-2873

Diocese Safe Environment Hotline
Phone: 224-225-9121

Regional Safe Environment Coordinator
Name: Sabu Mutholam
Phone: 708-307-1795

THE ARCHEPARCHY
OF KOTTAYAM



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Chicago Knanaya Catholic Teen Ministry Presents

ROOTED '26

Save the date!

FAITH • LEADERSHIP • PURPOSE • COMMUNITY



ROOTED IN CHRIST.
LEADING WITH PURPOSE.

Join Knanaya Catholic teens for an unforgettable experience of faith, leadership and friendship.

DECEMBER 27-30

DARIEN, IL

For high school students

- DEEPEN YOUR FAITH
- DEVELOP LEADERSHIP
- DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE
- BUILD A STRONG COMMUNITY

LET'S Celebrate YOU!

LET'S CELEBRATE YOU IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN! **SCAN THE CODE AND SHARE YOUR BIRTHDAY** SO WE CAN CHEER YOU ON, **PRAY FOR YOU** BY NAME, AND **MAKE YOUR SPECIAL DAY FEEL EXTRA LOVED.**

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SCAN ME!