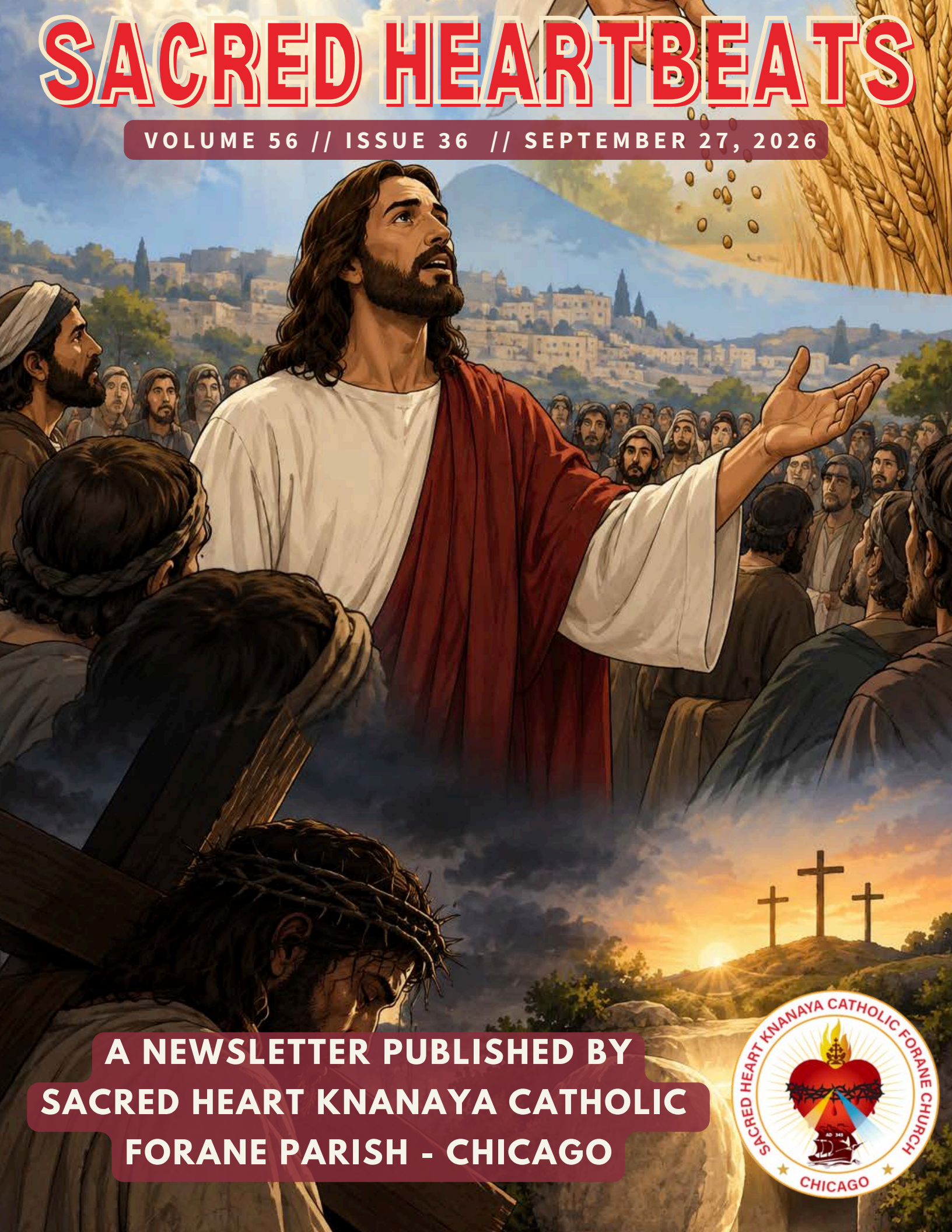
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Message from our Vicar



“Stay Awake: The Lord Is Near”

Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel about the coming of the Son of Man using images of cosmic shaking, falling stars, and the heavens trembling. These signs are not meant to frighten us but to awaken us. They remind us that history is moving toward God, not drifting without purpose.

The heart of the passage is simple: be ready. Not by predicting dates or worrying about the unknown. Jesus clearly says no one knows the day or the hour, but to live each day with faithfulness, love, and spiritual alertness. Like the fig tree that shows its leaves before summer, our lives should show signs that Christ is near through forgiveness, compassion, prayer, and trust. The world may change, but His words will never pass away. They remain our anchor in every uncertainty.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION ~ JOHN 12: 27 -36

Source: Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations

IN JESUS' LAST PUBLIC DISCOURSE SHORTLY BEFORE THE TIME OF PASSOVER AND HIS IMPENDING BETRAYAL AND DEATH ON A CROSS, JESUS SPOKE OPENLY OF HIS ANGUISH OF SOUL. UNLIKE THE OTHER GOSPEL ACCOUNTS, JOHN'S GOSPEL DOES NOT DESCRIBE JESUS' AGONY IN THE GARDEN ON THE EVE OF HIS SACRIFICE. BUT HERE JOHN DOES DESCRIBE JESUS' EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL ANGUISH AS HIS "HOUR" APPROACHES. WHAT IS THIS INNER STRUGGLE WHICH JESUS UNDERWENT AS HE ANTICIPATES HIS HOUR OF TRIAL AND CONFRONTATION WITH THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO DESTROY HIM? IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE A NATURAL REACTION FOR ANYONE TO TURN AWAY FROM SUFFERING AND HUMILIATION. JESUS KNEW THAT HE COULD HAVE CHOSEN TO AVOID THE CROSS AND THE SCANDAL AND SHAME IT WOULD HAVE BROUGHT HIM. THAT IS WHY HE POSED THE QUESTION: "FATHER, SAVE ME FROM THIS HOUR?" JESUS COURAGEOUSLY CHOSE TO SUFFER AND DIE, NOT ONLY IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS FATHER, BUT FOR OUR SAKE AND FOR OUR SALVATION. HE FREELY EMBRACED THE CROSS WITHOUT ANY RESENTMENT OR SELF-PITY, BECAUSE HE KNEW THAT THE CROSS WOULD BRING GLORY TO HIS FATHER AND VICTORY FOR US.

IT IS AT THIS PRECISE MOMENT OF JESUS' TOTAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE CROSS THAT THE FATHER SPEAKS AUDIBLY FOR ALL TO HEAR. THE FATHER CONFIRMS THAT JESUS' HOUR OF EXALTATION WILL INDEED BRING GLORY TO GOD'S NAME. THE GOSPELS TELL US THAT THE VOICE OF GOD WAS PRESENT AT ALL THE DECISIVE MOMENTS OF JESUS LIFE. IT CAME AT HIS BAPTISM AT THE JORDAN RIVER WHEN JESUS BEGAN HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY (MARK 1:11). AND IT CAME AT THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION WHEN MOSES AND ELIJAH APPEARED WITH JESUS IN THE PRESENCE OF THREE DISCIPLES, AFTER JESUS HAD TOLD HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE MUST GO TO JERUSALEM AND LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THEIR SAKE (LUKE 9:23-31).

ON THIS OCCASION JESUS DESCRIBES HIS APPROACHING "HOUR" AS BOTH A "JUDGMENT OF THIS WORLD" AND HIS "BEING LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH". THE JUDGMENT JESUS HAD IN MIND HERE IS THE "DRIVING OUT" OF SATAN AS THE RULER OF THE EARTH. JESUS SAW THE CROSS AS DEFEAT FOR SATAN WHO SOUGHT TO RULE HUMANKIND ENSLAVED BY SIN AND THE FEAR OF DEATH. HIS CROSS NOT ONLY WINS PARDON FROM GUILT BUT FREEDOM TO LIVE A NEW WAY OF LOVE ACCORDING TO GOD'S WISDOM AND THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

WHAT DID JESUS MEAN WHEN HE SAID HE WOULD "DRAW ALL PEOPLE" TO HIMSELF AS HE IS LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH (JOHN 12:32)? THIS IS THE THIRD OCCASION IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, WHEN JESUS SPOKE OF HIS BEING LIFTED UP (SEE JOHN 3:14-15 AND 8:28). JOHN SEES JESUS "BEING LIFTED UP" AS A SIGN OF TRIUMPH OVER HIS ENEMIES AND HIS ENTHRONEMENT IN GLORY AS TRUE KING, NOT ONLY OF ISRAEL, BUT THE WHOLE WORLD WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER THE RULE OF SATAN. WHEN JESUS SPOKE WITH NICODEMUS (JOHN 3:14), HE LIKENED HIS BEING "LIFTED UP" WITH MOSES LIFTING UP THE BRONZE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS. THIS UPLIFTED BRONZE EMBLEM BROUGHT HEALING TO THE ISRAELITES POISONED BY THE DEADLY STING OF VIPERS BECAUSE OF THEIR REBELLION AND DISOBEDIENCE (SEE NUMBERS 21:9). NOW WHEN PEOPLE SEE WHAT JESUS ACCOMPLISHED ON HIS CROSS AND RECOGNIZE THE GREAT VICTORY HE WON FOR THEM, THEN THEY WILL RECEIVE FULL HEALING, PARDON, AND RECONCILATION WITH GOD.

JOHN THE EVANGELIST SAW THE CROSS NOT AS SHAME AND DEFEAT FOR JESUS, BUT AS A THRONE OF GLORY FROM WHICH JESUS TRIUMPHED OVER SIN, SATAN, AND DEATH ITSELF. DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF JESUS' CROSS?

"LORD, BY YOUR CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD. MAY I ALWAYS HAVE THE COURAGE TO EMBRACE YOUR WILL FOR MY LIFE. THOUGH IT MAY PRODUCE A CROSS ON EARTH FOR ME; IT WILL SURELY PRODUCE A CROWN IN HEAVEN THAT WILL LAST FOREVER".



THIS WEEK AT SHKC:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
8:00 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
10:00 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA & CCD
11:30 ENGLISH QURBANA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
8.30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
7:00 PM MALAYALAM QURBANA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026
8.30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
7:00 PM MALAYALAM QURBANA
& ST ANTHONY NOVENA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
8.30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
7:00 PM MALAYALAM QURBANA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026
8.30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
7:00 PM MALAYALAM QURBANA
& ST JUDE NOVENA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026
8.30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
7:00 PM MALAYALAM QURBANA
& SACRED HEART NOVENA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
10:00 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
& OL PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026
8:00 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
10:00 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
11:30 ENGLISH QURBANA

Bible Readers



SEPTEMBER 27

1ST READING:

GENESIS 9:8-17

8:00 -VOLUNTEER

10:00 - SOUMYA KOTTAM KOMBIL

11:30 - ABIGAIL KEEZHANGATTU

2ND READING:

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

8:00 - VOLUNTEER

10:00 -BEENA ROY PERINGELIL

11:30 -RAHM THANICHUVETIL

OCTOBER 4

1ST READING:

GENESIS 41:34-45

8:00 -VOLUNTEER

10:00 - SIGI PANAYAPARMBIL

11:30 - ZHAIRA KOZHAMPLAKIL

2ND READING:

HEBREW1:1-4

8:00 - VOLUNTEER

10:00 -ABIN KULLATHIKAROTE

11:30 -ABEL KOCHUMANNANTHARA

OFFERINGS

September 13th:
Qurbana's: $1545
Novena/Nercha: $41
Facility Usage Donation:$350
TOTAL - $1936

THANK YOU

"Fear not, for I am with you"

~ Isaiah 41:10



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [ ] SEPTEMBER 27: FEAST OF ST.VINCENT D'PAUL
-SECOND COLLECTION
- [ ] SEPTEMBER 27: KOODARYOGAM ST. AUGUSTINE AT CHURCH
- [ ] OCTOBER 4TH CLASS ON DIGITAL WORLD BY DR. LIZY FERNANDEZ
- [ ] CCD REGISTRATION
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Dr. Lizy K. Fernandez

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DATE & TIME
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

AFTER 10:00 AM
HOLY QURBANA

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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

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Diocese Safe Environment Hotline
Phone: 224-225-9121

Regional Safe Environment Coordinator
Name: Sabu Mutholam
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