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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

HOLY MASS AT 7:00 PM

**THURSDAY**

ST. JUDE NOVENA AFTER MASS  
AT 7:00 PM

**SATURDAY**

HOLY MASS AND MOTHER OF  
PERPETUAL SUCCOUR AT 10:00  
AM.

**SUNDAY**

HOLY MASS AND RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION CLASS AT 10:00 AM.

ENGLISH MASS AT 11:40 AM.

HOLY MASS AT 5:30 PM.



**DEATH ANNIVERSARY  
OF SERVANT OF GOD  
MAR MATHEW MAKIL**

**SPONSORS**

JAIBU KULANGARA  
JAIN MAKIL

**JANUARY MONTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY &  
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**



## RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Pope Francis tells us that being a protector of life are about, “protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world... It means respecting each of God’s creatures and respecting the environment in which we live.” The pope speaks of “protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about.” He emphasizes the importance of the family, “husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents.” And of caring for society by “building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it.”



Let’s all be builders of a better world and protect life.

## The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family

### **\*\*Prayer of the Month\*\***

#### **Consecration of the Family to the Holy Family**

Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, hallowed domestic life by Your ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Your holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship; Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen .



#### **Month of the Holy Family**

The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France: the Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663 and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title. In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."



The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—the school of the Gospel. First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us...A lesson on family life.

May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character...A lesson of work.



Nazareth, home of the Carpenter's Son, in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work. — Paul VI at Nazareth, January 5, 1964

Since the Holy Family observed the Jewish law in its perfection, we can deduce quite accurately what prayers they recited. *The Psalms*, of course, were the favorites. Three times a day Jesus, Mary, and Joseph said the *Tephillah*, "The Prayer," consisting of eighteen long invocations and blessings. Joseph (and later Jesus when He attained to manhood) was obliged to say the *Shema*, a sort of profession of faith in the one true God, twice daily.

A very interesting Jewish custom of prayer that must have been observed in the house at Nazareth was that of the *Mezuzah*, "the doorpost," and the "phylacteries," small square calfskin boxes with Scripture texts written on parchment inside them.

On the doorpost of the house at Nazareth was fastened a wooden tube containing a rolled parchment inscribed with the passage quoted above from the Book of Deuteronomy and another passage (11:13-21) citing the blessings of serving God. On entering and leaving the house the members of the Holy Family would piously touch this *Mezuzah*, saying, "May God keeps my going out and coming in from now on and forevermore." All this was intended to show reverence for the word of God. Such was the vocal and the more or less formal prayer which Jesus, Mary, and Joseph offered in their home at Nazareth. In their hearts, however, they prayed always. Just as the Heart of Jesus was constantly united with His divinity, so were the hearts of Mary and Joseph so closely bound to God that their every action was a prayer?



The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. Pope John Paul II has said, “The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self” (Nov. 27, 2002).

We should ask ourselves if our own families model that of the Holy Family. We need to be open to God’s grace to value the positive and to accept our mistakes — and to be willing to rectify them. Parenting is a very challenging responsibility and at times errors are made despite the best intentions. Recognizing this, children should trust their parents and never forget that parents want only what is best for them. Which leads us to what may be the most important family virtue — forgiveness. Living so intimately within the family nucleus naturally gives rise to unpleasant situations where someone is apt to be offended. St. Paul knew this when he told us to “bear with and forgive one another.” The health of our family may depend on how quickly we learn to forgive without harboring feelings of resentment.

No family can thrive and grow without constant work. Even the material details that take time and effort are essential to keeping the family strong. Everyone has to pull together for the good of the family — even to the point of putting ahead of our own needs and ambitions the happiness of other family members, setting aside our own selfish desires.

It is also important to pray as a family, especially the holy rosary. Prayer will help us to intensify our closeness with each other and to learn to forgive.

During this Year of the Family and Consecrated life, it is essential to discover the relationship between the family life and consecrated life. Pope John Paul II wrote, “In the sacramental gift of charity the Christian family finds the foundation and soul of its communion and its mission” (*Letter on the Family*, No. 57).

**ബഹുരാജ്യം / Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

February 01	READING	10:00 A.M.	11:40 A.M
1st Reading	Num 11:23-35	Valsa Anchakunnath	Amal Kizhakkekutt
2nd Reading	Heb.7:23-28	Jeena Kuruttuparambil	Anjali Neduthuruthil
Gospel	John 2:1-11	<i>Jesus' glory is revealed at Cana.</i>	

**ബഹുരാജ്യം / Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**

February 08	READING	10:00 A.M.	11:40 A.M
1st Reading	Dt 18: 13-18	Lizzy Mullapallil	Biyona Attuchalil
2nd Reading	Heb 6: 9-15	Meyamma Vettikattu	Leema Kalayil
Gospel	John 3: 14-21	<i>Those who do what is true come to the light.</i>	

<b>OFFERINGS</b>	<b>JAN. 25</b>
St Jude & Annual Contribution	1527.00
Sunday Morning Mass	1199.00
Sunday English Mass	59.00
Sunday 5:30 P.M. Holy Mass	109.00
Feast –Sponsors	435.00
Building Fund	1000.00
Christmas Carol	75.00
Special Donation	700.00
Facility Usage	1150.00
Main East Township	10220.00
Mar Mathew Makil Memory	74.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>16548.00</b>

<b>AGAPE MOVEMENT</b>	
Sacred Heart	33.00
St. Mary's	57.00
Seminarian Sponsor	1000.00
Wedding Anniversary	120.00
Birthday donation	86.00
<b>TOTAL AGAPE</b>	<b>1296.00</b>