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**HAPPY EASTER!**



**Palm Sunday Celebrations and Stations of the Cross**



**Saints of Mercy Quiz Competition Winner of February**

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**Homily on Palm Sunday March 20, 2016 at SHKC Parish by Fr. Abraham Mutholath.**

**Homily in English on Palm Sunday March 20, 2016 at SHKC Parish by Fr. Abraham Mutholath.**

**Announcement at SHKC Parish on March 20, 2016.**

**Presentation on Retirement Community at SHKC Parish on 03-20-2016.**

**READINGS AND READERS**

March 24, Holy Thursday at 7:00 P.M.			APRIL 3, Devine Mercy Sunday / St. Thomas	
READING	PASSAGE	9:45 A.M.	PASSAGE	9:45 A.M.
First	Exodus 12:1-20	Surej Kolady	Isiah 55:4-13	Jose Thazhathuvettathu
Second	Malachi 1:10-14	Dolly Puthenpurayil	Acts 4:32-37	Navin Chakiriamthadathil
Third	1Corinth 11:23-29	Gladys Panayaparambil	John 20:19-29	"My Lord and My God!"
March 25, Good Friday at 10:00 A.M.				
First	Genesis 22:1-19	Roy Kannothara		
Second	Isiah 52:13-53 :9	Reethamma Acathara		
Third	Romans 5:6-16	Chirstina Mutholam		
March 26, Saturday Easter Vigil 7:00 P.M.				
First	Isiah 60:1-7	George Chakalathottiyil		
Second	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Thankamma Nediyaikalayil		
Third	Romans 6:1-14	Shawn Pulimalayil		



**WEDDING BANNES**

Somu Jose son of M.U. Joseph and Saly Mullankuzhiyil from Holy Kings Church, Piravom with Sindhu Jimmy daughter of Jimmy and Laly Mukalel from Chicago Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish to be held in India on May 22, 2016.

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Anil Jose son of Jose and Leelamma Koonthamattathil from Uzhavoor Chettukulam Church, with Roselin daughter of Tojan and Tissy Pathiyil from Chicago Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish to be held in India on June 23, 2016.

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Bijo Kalladanthiyil son of Lukose and Aleykutty Kalladanthiyil from Chicago Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish, with Sonia daughter of Stephen Lukose and Lucy Mattathiparambil from S.H. Knanaya Forane Parish, Brandon, FL to be held on May 28, 2016.

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**CHURCH SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 - 23, 2016**

Holy Mass at 7:00 P.M. followed by novena.

Monday: **Novena of St. Michael.**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 PESAHA THURSDAY**

**Holy Mass with Washing of feet at 7:00 P.M.**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016 PASSION FRIDAY**

**Passion Service at 10:00 A.M. by Mar J. Angadiath.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016 Easter Vigil**

**Holy Mass with special service at 10:00 A.M.**

**Easter Mass at 7:00 P.M. followed by Pothuyogam on purpose of Fundraising Program on May 7th.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016 EASTER SUNDAY**

Holy Mass at 10:00 A.M.

**MONDAY - FRIDAY, MARCH 27 - APRIL 1, 2016**

Holy Mass at 7:00 P.M. followed by novena.

Tuesday: **Baptism Preparation Course** after Holy Mass.

Friday: **All Saints Day and First Friday Adoration.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016**

Holy Mass and Novena at 10:00 A.M.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2016 DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Holy Mass followed by Religious Education Class at 9:45 A.M.

**Chaplet of Devine Mercy after Holy Mass.**

CHURCH OFFERINGS	MAR. 20
Sunday Offering & Annual Con.	1,497.00
Novena Offerings	93.00
Year of Mercy Contribution	365.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,955.00</b>
AGAPE MOVEMENT	MAR. 20
Morton Grove Store	90.00
S.H. Agape Store	70.00
Donation Box	76.00
KCS charity	47.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>283.00</b>

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH RETREAT RESPONSES

### My Precious Day with Jesus

- Christian Chelackal, 5th Grade



I am so happy to share a special blessing I had received during the retreat at our church last weekend.

First of all, I would like to thank everybody who put this retreat together, especially Sister Agnes and her team. It was a great time for us to renew ourselves during the Lenten season. It was a great class. It was a lot of fun too. I've

got to admit that it was a little long but it was worth waiting. At the end of each day there was adoration and it was really touching and amazing. Sister Rani was saying prayers and the choir was singing.

On the Sunday of the retreat was when the greatest miracle happened to me. I had a great confession on Sunday with Paul Achen. After the confession I felt very blessed and pure. I felt very happy. After Confession, I went for adoration and during adoration I was praying and praying to Jesus. I prayed to Jesus to show His face on the Eucharist. I told Jesus that I will do anything that He asks me to do and go through any sufferings if He showed His face on the Eucharist. It took me a lot of time in prayer, but when I was singing the "O Sacrament Most Holy" song, I felt some clouds in my mind, but when I opened my eyes I saw Jesus on the Eucharist. It was the face of Jesus with thorns on his head. I was speechless, I couldn't speak very well. I felt happy but then felt like I needed to cry. I told Jesus I am sorry for my sins and I promised I will never try to commit them ever again. I thanked Jesus for my family and everything Jesus gave me. I felt very good after that especially at the family blessings. I was so happy and told my parents and friends.

Thank you Jesus for blessing me with this sign and great experience. I truly believe that You are present in the Holy Eucharist. March 13, 2016 was a precious day in my life and I will always remember it.

### My Experience at the Lenten Retreat

- Hannah Chelackal, 6th Grade.

"I was blind, but now I see." Yes, I have seen the glory, love and mercy of God during this Lenten retreat. God opened my eyes in the two days of the retreat to allow me to feel His presence. I felt a joy that no one could ever take away from me. I felt Him and still feel Him at my side always with me to this day. When I was in the adoration on

the first day, I felt Jesus. I felt the tears streaming down my cheeks, as I was praising Him. I am 100% sure that He came to me and blessed me. I am no longer blind because I have felt a joy that only God can give. Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I could not see Him with my eyes, but I was able to see Him through my heart.



The whole retreat was also very beautifully conducted. I really loved Sister Rani's meditation. If I hadn't heard all of the advice that everyone had given us, I wouldn't have probably been able to feel Jesus. I learned so much about my faith that I have never known before. This retreat helped me grow tremendously in my spiritual life. It has made an enormous impact on my life. The most important thing that I learned from this retreat is that, "God is love and He is always with me".

I would really like to thank the team who conducted the retreat and those who arranged it especially Achen, Tomy uncle, and Teena chechy, for giving us this opportunity.

### Retreat Made Me Closer to God

- Sijo Kolady, 7th Grade

I thank Lord Jesus for giving me an opportunity to go to the retreat in Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church last week. It was a good experience. In the youth session, Sister Rani Maria was the main speaker. Brother Shanthimon talked about the Ten Commandments and love of God and Bro. Aby explained in detail about Holy Mass. We had action songs, praise and worship sessions and adoration in between.



My favorite part in the retreat was the praise and worship sessions, where we really experienced the presence of Jesus. Sister Rani taught us many tips that we should practice in life like frequent confession and how to overcome temptations of devil. She also explained how God the Father gave His only son to save us, and why we should run away from sin, and how in Holy Mass our guardian angel is with us to take our offering to God.

For each subject taught, there was related video presentation which helped all of us to understand the teachings thoroughly. Sister Agnes also helped Sister Ranis in praise and worship and teaching some of the songs. Overall I liked the retreat and feel like I am closer to Jesus. I look forward to practice what we have learned in daily life.

### **I Thank the Lord for the Retreat**

*-Saniya Kolady, 4th Grade*



I am very thankful to Lord Jesus that I was able to attend the retreat at Sacred Heart Church last weekend. I learned a lot in the retreat. Sister Agnes taught us that when we do confession, the priest is actually Jesus. The guardian angel is always sitting next to you in church and waiting for you to offer something to God and then will take your petition as an offering

to God. If you pray to God to show His face in the Holy Eucharist then Jesus will let you see Him. I also liked the game “angel and devil” sisters played with us. Lastly the action songs they taught us were very fun to play.

### **I Felt Closer to God**

*- Sarah Mulayanikunnel, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade*



1 Corinthians 13: 12- “As a body is one, though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ,” was one of the many verses, I learned at the retreat. This verse reminds me of Christ’s relationship with his believers. Just like all the different parts of your body, making one strong body, there are many different believers of

Christ that makes one strong Church.

In this retreat I learned many Bible verses, action songs, and even the importance of many useful things in my life. One thing I learned was the importance of the Ten Commandments. I learned that each commandment had its own meaning and that they are rules you should follow every day that will bring you closer to God. Another thing I learned was that God is a loving and forgiving father. No matter what sin you commit, he will forgive you as long as you ask for repentance. In conclusion, I strongly enjoyed this retreat and I look forward to another one. During the two days of the

retreat, I had so much fun, and I felt so much closer to God.

### **Most Phenomenal Retreat**

*- Sibil Mulayanikunnel*



Pope Francis once stated, “Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are.” My spiritual life is very significant to me, and the retreat this past weekend has helped to strengthen it. My faith and relationship with God has been vastly strengthened. I have also acquired various important life lessons that are vital to my daily life. This retreat has taught me the prominence of prayer and how to have stronger communication with God. I was also taught about how the Ten Commandments should play a substantial role in our daily lives.

Through this retreat, I was able to augment my knowledge of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit should be imperative to each and every individual because it plays a huge role in every person’s daily life. Everyone is filled with the Holy Spirit at Baptism, but we need to continually ask the Holy Spirit to lead us, guide us, and help us do the things God wants us to do.

Faith is the center of Christian life and it should play a noteworthy role in each individual’s life. From this retreat, I have learned that you should always keep your faith strong and never let go of it. My faith is an important part of my daily life and it motivates me to strive for my best and help others. Faith is like a tiny seed, if nourished, it will grow. I believe that with strong faith, you are able to achieve success. Remember “With Christ as the center of your life, you will never be disappointed,” - Pope Francis. Summed up into a few words, this retreat was one of the most phenomenal retreats I have ever attended.

### **The Retreat Was Phenomenal!**

*- Navin Chakiriamthadathil*

I learned more about God and the Holy Spirit. My teacher, Sister Agnes, was really nice and she taught us about the gifts and fruits of Holy Spirit and showed us a video about this man who had one son and he sacrificed him for people on a train. The lesson was that God sent His only son for us. She taught us how to pray when



we have a test and gave more details about the commandments. She also had other fun teachings and taught us some games! I really loved this retreat and I want to thank all the people who conducted it. Adoration was my favorite part because it was me and God and a quiet place for meditating with God!

**My experience at the retreat was amazing.**

*-Nayana Chakiriamthadathil*



I felt like I got the most closer to God after this retreat than any other retreats. I learned many new songs and different prayers. I learned how to make a good confession. We watched videos on how God sacrificed his own son to save us. After this retreat I always pray before any test I have. I also try to become nicer to others and am making it a habit to pray every day; either for

someone or something. The two nuns there were really nice and were always so upbeat. They never got sad or mad no matter what. They always kept a smile on their faces. They got everyone including me to get closer to God. I especially loved the adoration because I felt like I could talk about anything to God and got even closer to Him at the adoration. At adoration everyone was praying and singing like never before. Overall I loved this retreat and everyone who helped out had some amazing stories to share. If a retreat like this came again, I would definitely go!

**Spiritually Uplifting**

*- Nikhil Chakiriamthadathil*



Last weekend's retreat at Sacred Heart Kananya Catholic Church was a very spiritually uplifting experience for me. The two nuns, Sr. Agnes & Sr. Ranis, who spoke to the youth, were able to teach me more about my faith and my prayer life. They taught us how to pray

meaningfully and purposefully. I was able to learn how important it is for us to seek God, not only in times of need, but also to give thanks to him for all the graces he bestows upon us. The nuns were really able to keep our attention with all the energetic songs they shared with us. Furthermore, their messages to us helped me to realize that anything was possible with a firm belief in the will of God.

**I Liked the Retreat**

*- Jashua Ethithara*

In the beginning we did action songs, then we went to Sr. Agnes's class. She gave multiple testimonies. One was about Holy Spirit. She allowed us to play the game called Jesus says. We also watched a video about Holy Spirit. Sr. Rani led the adoration. We had Holy mass both days by Mutholath achan. I didn't like the animation of one video. The story line was ok. Sr. Agnes was very nice and polite.



She gave gifts to the kids who answered the questions. Overall I liked the retreat.

**The retreat was exhilarating.**

*- Joel Stephen*

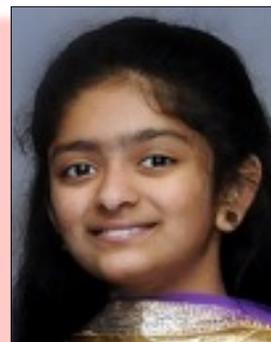
It was an awesome time, especially when we learned about Jesus and the Holy Trinity. I gained lot of experience about Jesus and the Holy Spirit from Sr. Agnes, and it was a fun experience from the songs and games we played. Some of the action songs we learned were "God is watching." and "I have seen the downfall of Satan." I was happy to do the confession, so I was filled with the Holy Spirit and it helped me to pray during adoration. This retreat was a good learning experience for every age and I really enjoyed it.



**A Very Good Experience**

*- Maria Stephen, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade*

The retreat was very good though it was a little too early in the morning for me. If it was a bit later and like an hour shorter, I probably would have enjoyed it more. But with the actual retreat, I thought that it was a very good experience to understand more about the Holy Spirit. It was also a very good time to wash away all of our sins and cleanse our hearts, minds, and souls. I also like that we had time for adoration and Holy Mass those two days. I felt grateful of the sisters and speakers who were very kind



to spend time talking to us about the Holy Spirit and about the Holy Mass. I was also grateful that we got breaks, snacks, and stuff to eat because I get hungry very easily. I also thought that letting us have confession was something that helped a lot of people like me because I don't go to confession very often.

### I Enjoyed the Retreat

- Neha Stephen

I must say that though I didn't think I'd enjoy the retreat, I actually did. It was a spiritual experience and I enjoyed learning more about the Holy Spirit and about other people's experiences with God. Though the retreat was



long, it was well worth the time. I liked how we reserved time for adoration and celebrated the Holy Mass each day. The sisters were very nice and caring and the guest speakers also were enlightening. They also made sure that we didn't have to go on hours at a time and had a small break in-between as well as doing their best to make sure we had fun. All in all, I had a good time at the

retreat.



**WISH YOU ALL  
A HAPPY EASTER!**