

Pastor: Fr. Pathros Champakkara | Mass and adoration: 7:15 pm on every Tuesday
Est. 18 February 2018 | www.knanayaca.org/smt

Lent Message

Journey of conversion

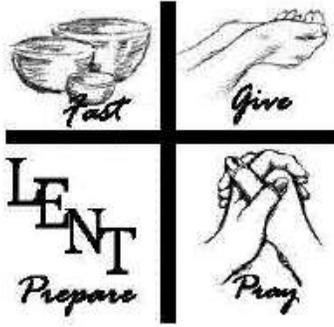
"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rm 8: 19)

On this sixth Sunday of this Lent season, let's debrief **Pope Francis'** Lenten message. Through Mother Church, God "gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed ... as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ" We can thus journey from Easter to Easter towards the fulfilment of the salvation we have already received as a result of Christ's paschal mystery – "for in hope we were saved" (Rom 8:24). As Saint Paul says, "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19). In this perspective, below reflections will help us to accompany our journey of conversion this Lent.

- 1. *The redemption of creation* :-** When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit (cf. *Rom 8:14*) and capable of acknowledging and obeying God's law, beginning with the law written on our hearts and in nature, *we also benefit creation* by cooperating in its redemption. All those who enjoy the grace of Jesus' paschal mystery may experience its fulfilment in the redemption of the human body itself.
- 2. *The destructive power of sin*:-** When we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbours and other creatures. The root of all evil, as we know, is sin, which from its first appearance has disrupted our communion with God, with others and with creation itself, to which we are linked in a particular way by our body.
- 3. *The healing power of repentance and forgiveness* :-** Creation urgently needs the revelation of the children of God, who have been made "a new creation". For "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (*2 Cor 5:17*). The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery.

This "lenten" period let's spend time with the Son of God in the *desert* of creation had the goal of making it once more that *garden* of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. *Mk 1:12-13; Is 51:3*). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.

Fr. Pathros Champakkara



Sunday (07 April, 2019) Schedule

10:00 AM - Faith formation classes
 11:00 AM - Stations of the Cross
 11:30 AM - Holy Qurbana (Season of Lent)
 01:00 PM – Snehavirunnu
 01:15 PM – Class for Holy Communion and Confirmation

Readings:

1. Josh 21:43-22:5 Lord gave all the land to Israel
2. Rom 14 : 13- 23 Do not be scandal to your brother

Gospel: John 10:11 Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep

Mass Intentions & Food Sponsors
 Bineesh & Sheena Peedathattel



RECONCILIATION

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM on every Sundays during Lent

Tuesday (9 April, 2019) Schedule

07:15 PM - Holy Qurbana followed by Adoration
 Venue : St. Edmund Campion Secondary School (School Chapel)
 275 Brisdale Drive, Brampton ON , L7A 3C7

Friday (12 April, 2019) Schedule

07:15 PM –Holy Qurbana followed Stations of Cross
 Venue: St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School (School Gym)
 25 Kanata Road, Brampton ON, L7A 3R2

Special Announcements

- Please fill out the parish membership form and submit it to the Parish office. The forms are available at our website.
- In connection with lent, a schedule of Bible reading challenge is published every week on Directorate website. Ensure your family's participation.



Stations of Cross during Lent on every Sundays at 11:00 AM

Knanaya Catholic Directorate, Canada

<https://knanayaca.org/>

St Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Toronto

<https://knanayaca.org/smt/>

Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Mission, London

<https://knanayaca.org/shl/>