

Lent Recap

- ✓ How many days in the lent? **50**
- ✓ Significance of 50 days? **40 days Ninevah lent, 10 days – Passion of Christ**
- ✓ Main purpose of the Great lent – **Repentance and Reconciliation**
- ✓ Shubkono – what does it mean? – **Reconciliation of self and to others**
- ✓ How many Sundays are there in the Big lent? – **8**
- ✓ What does each Sunday signify?
 - ✓ First Sunday – **Wedding in Cana**
 - ✓ Second Sunday – **Lepers**
 - ✓ Third Sunday – **Palsy**
 - ✓ Fourth Sunday – **Canaanite woman**
 - ✓ Fifth Sunday – **Crippled woman**
 - ✓ Sixth Sunday – **Blind man, Catholicate Day**
 - ✓ Seventh Sunday – **Hosana**
 - ✓ Eight Sunday - **Easter**

- ✓ Golgotha kept in the church
 - ✓ In the middle of the church before Easter – **represents the brazen serpent which symbolises Jesus on the cross as well. We should look at it with hope, repentance and faith so that we may be saved of our sins just as the Israelites were saved from their sins.**
 - ✓ Inside the altar after Easter – **It is kept inside as a symbol of resurrection and Jesus being with the disciples - for the next 40 days.**
- ✓ Two occasions where HQ is celebrated during lent – **Mid lent, Annunciation of St. Mary**
- ✓ Saturday before Hosana – **Lazarus Day**
- ✓ Where was Jesus buried? In whose tomb was he buried in? – **Joseph of Arimethea**

Catholicate day

Catholicate day is observed as 'Day of the Church' (Sabha Dinam) to reaffirm our loyalty and dedication to the Church, to the Throne of St. Thomas, to the Catholicate of the East and to the Catholicose and all the members of Holy Episcopal Synod. It is also a day to commemorate the re-establishment of ancient Catholicate of Seleucia in Malankara.

Why do we observe Catholicate day?

- ✓ Catholicate day is a day for prayer and dedication for the Church, the Catholicose, Bishops, Priests and for all activities of the Church.
- ✓ It is the duty of each faithful to pray for the church and to serve the church the way God desires.