



# OLPH VOICE

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER WASHINGTON



## From our Vicar

Beloved OLPH family members,

We have achieved a milestone! **This is the 100<sup>th</sup> issue of our newsletter, OLPH Voice.** The newsletter was first published in June 2020, and ever since it has been a great way of updating Parishioners every week about our Church construction. It has definitely made a huge impact on many people. Thank you to Tessie and the newsletter editorial board team for all their hard work and perseverance. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide their endeavors.

I encourage all OLPH families to attend the **Divine Mercy Novena every Thursday** (see details on Page 5). I hope to see many of you join in this devotion to pray for God's mercy on the whole world.

**Please donate generously towards the war crisis in Ukraine** (see details on Page 6). A large part of Ukrainians belong to the Eastern Catholic Church. As Saint Paul says we are one in the body of Christ and "if one part suffers, every part suffers with it" (1 Cor 12). Also, pray for peace in Ukraine.

With love,  
Royachan

LET'S CELEBRATE THE

**100th**

**ISSUE**

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THANK YOU FR. ROY AND THE  
NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD





# **RAISE MONEY FOR THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE**

**The money collected during Holy Mass on Sunday May 1, 2022 will be sent to Ukraine via the Diocese. Let us be generous with our prayers and resources to help our brethren suffering in Ukraine.**





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## By sponsoring a seminarian ...

- you are becoming a part of the Mangalapuzha Seminary Family;
- the seminary community will pray for you every day and also will pray for your special intention;
- you remain connected to the seminary activities by visiting the seminary, staying in the seminary, participating in the daily activities of the seminary etc;
- between you and the seminarian sponsored a spiritual communion is fostered through prayer and personal contact.

"A generous person will be enriched,  
 and one who gives water will get water."  
 Proverb 11: 25



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
 Cordial greetings from Mangalapuzha Seminary!

St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary Mangalapuzha, Aluva is one of the oldest major seminaries in the world. It has a legacy of three hundred and forty years. Till today, the Seminary has trained more than 5000 diocesan priests and hundreds of religious and missionary priests. We are proud to say that the process of the canonization and beatification of 12 of our former professors and students is underway. So far 64 former students of Mangalapuzha Seminary were appointed Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops. Thousands of zealous priests, who were students of this esteemed centre of priestly formation, are working as parish priests, religious priests, and missionaries all over the world.

The priestly formation in the seminary is for seven years: 3 years for philosophy and 4 years for theology. There were 317 resident and 90 day-students in the seminary during the academic year 2021-2022. This year 45 deacons were ordained priests for various dioceses and religious congregations.

Until recently our Seminary was running with help from various aiding agencies and individual benefactors. Most of such agencies stopped helping us as they found it difficult to find donors anymore. The only agency that still supports us is the CNEWA. As per the bookkeeping of the financial year 2020-2021, the Seminary spent Rs. 95000/- per student. As income, we receive an average of Rs 13500/- to 14500/- every year from the CNEWA. The dioceses which send their students to the Seminary pay Rs. 35000/- as a contribution towards the maintenance of each student. Thus, the contributions we receive from the above-mentioned source cover only around 60% of the total expenses. This means that the Seminary has to find extra income to cover the remaining expenses. For the last two years, we had to avail of bank and private loans. Although the Seminary has some additional revenue from the dairy and piggery farms and agriculture, it is not sufficient to meet the huge amount being incurred for the maintenance of our seminarians every year. The deficit amount per student is about Rs. 40000-45000 every year and this amount constantly keeps increasing. These financial constraints compel us to approach generous people like you with a request to financially help this esteemed Centre of priestly formation.

The staff and students of Mangalapuzha Seminary would be extremely grateful to you if you could sponsor a seminarian by contributing either Rs. 40000/- (approximately 550 US dollars) or any amount according to your ability every year towards the maintenance of our seminarians.

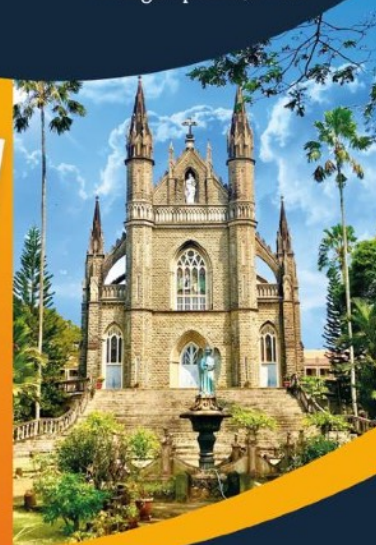


A priest  
 is one who makes Christ visible.  
 The people see Christ in the saintly priests  
 and they seek even to touch his robes as  
 they did the robes of Christ.

Fulton J. Sheen



St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary  
 Mangalapuzha, Aluva



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**MAY 1<sup>st</sup>**

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH  
THE WORKER**



*St. Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker. Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support.*

*Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.*

*Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it.*

*When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world. Obtain for all those who have asked my prayers, everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Amen.*



# DAILY SCHEDULE

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Syro Malabar Catholic Church of Greater Washington

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SATURDAY	April 30, 2022	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Gal 2:15-21 The Apostle who lives by faith in the Son of God
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 9:35-41 Believe in the Son of God
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	May 1, 2022	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Ex 3:1-12 God calls Moses, the Shepherd
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: Ezek 34:20-26 I will appoint a shepherd
			CCD FINAL EXAM	3rd Reading: Eph 4:7-16 Grace has been given as Christ apportioned it
11:00 AM	HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel: Jn 21:15-19 Feed my lambs; Feed my sheep		
<b>NO MASS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY</b>				
WEDNESDAY	May 4, 2022	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Col 3:12-17 Do everything in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God our Father
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 1:46-56 The Magnificat of Mary
THURSDAY	May 5, 2022	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Eph 6:1-9 Serve as the Lord
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mt 20:17-28 Not to be served, but to serve
		7:15 PM	DIVINE MERCY NOVENA	
FRIDAY	May 6, 2022	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 2 Tim 2:22-26 The servant of the Lord should not be quarrelsome
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mt 24:45-51 Wise and faithful servant
SATURDAY	May 7, 2022	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Rev 3:15-22 I come to the one who hears my voice and opens the door
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 9:35-41 Jn 10:14-16; 22-30 My sheep hear my voice
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	May 8, 2022	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Josh 1:1-9 The Lord is with you
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: 2 Chron 15:1-7 If we are close to the Lord, the Lord is with us
			CCD FINAL EXAM	3rd Reading: 2 Cor 13:5-10 Jesus Christ is within you
11:00 AM	HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel: Mt 28:16-20 I will be with you till end of the world		

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