



OLPH VOICE

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER



From Our Vicar

Beloved OLPH Families,

November is dedicated to remembering the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. During this month, the Church honors all its faithful members who have passed away but have not yet experienced the joys of heaven.. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise".

The Church teaches us to offer prayers for those who have moved on into eternity. It was a common belief that individuals who had lived pious lives had accumulated grace, and thus, it was regarded as a holy and beneficial practice to pray for the departed, seeking their release from sins. These souls will then pray for us when they enter heaven.

While we pray for our departed family and friends, let us remember the assurances given by God. He has provided the opportunity for us to share eternity with Him, and this is the optimism that sustains us, both for ourselves and for those who have passed away before us. A time will come when all of God's commitments will be realized, and at that moment, our hope will be transmuted into the ultimate happiness and serenity that God has always meant for all of us, His cherished children.

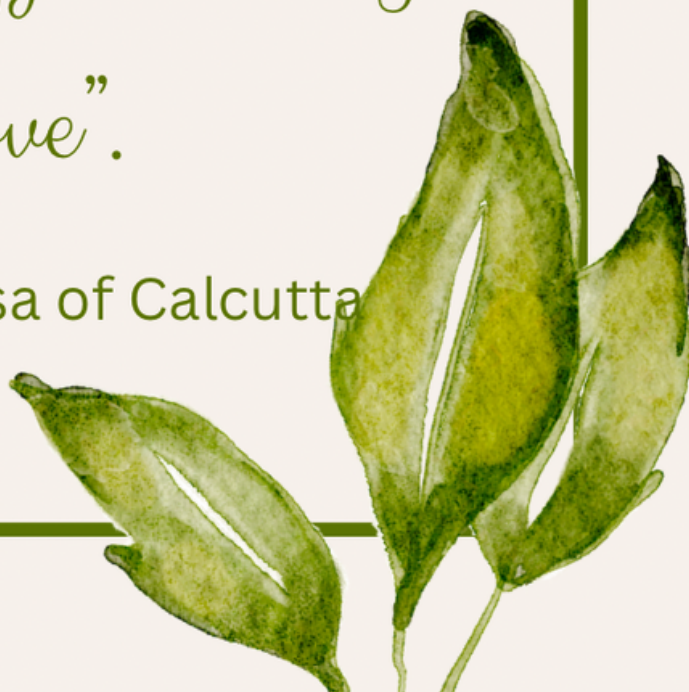
"Lord, as I offer my prayers for my dear ones today, I entrust my hope to Your promises."

With Love,
Rijoachan

Reflections on the Eucharist

*“He’s alive and he loves us
and he wants us - that’s why
Jesus made himself Bread of
Life - to satisfy our hunger
for love”.*

— St. Teresa of Calcutta





DAY LIGHT SAVINGS FALL BACK

Don't forget to set your
clocks back one hour





Department of Catechesis

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago, USA

Dei Verbum 2024

(Diocesan Bible Quiz)

General Guidelines and Schedule

The Diocesan Bible Quiz 2024 will be conducted at three levels for various age groups (Sub-Junior, Junior, Senior and Adult). At all levels, the quiz will be conducted **online**.

The adult group can choose either the English or Malayalam version of the quiz at all three levels. The English quiz is based on **The New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE)** and the Malayalam quiz is based on the **POC Malayalam Bible**.

Groups

- Sub-Junior (Grades 4 - 6)
- Junior (Grades 7- 8)
- Senior (Grades 9 -12)
- Adult (Above 12th Grade; Youth and Adults)

Books

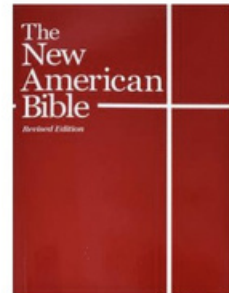
- First Round : Gospel of **Mathew Ch. 1-18** (Grades 4-12)
Gospel of **Mathew** (Adult Group)
- Semifinal Round : Gospel of **Mathew** (Grades 4-12)
Gospel of **Mathew & 2nd Corinthians** (Adult Group)
- Final Round : Gospel of **Mathew & 2nd Corinthians** (Grades 4-12)
Gospel of **Mathew, 2nd Corinthians &**
The Book of **Isaiah Ch. 40-66** (Adult Group)

Bible Quiz Dates

- First Round : Saturday **December 2nd, 2023**
- Semifinal Round : Saturday, **February 17th, 2024**
- Final Round : Saturday, **May 11th, 2024**

Enrollment at Parish

- All candidates must **enroll at their Parish** with a fee of \$10. The last day to enroll is **Nov 19th, 2023**. Please make sure to provide the latest grade/group information while enrolling at the parish. Please contact Sunday School Principal or Parish Bible Quiz coordinator.
- DREs/Quiz coordinators will have to send the list of enrolled candidates' details in the excel sheet to the Diocesan team. The details include candidate's Name, Grade (group and language choice for adult participants) and SpeedExam email address.



Register SpeedExam Account

- Each candidate is required to have a separate account.
- Candidates who took the Bible Quiz in previous years can use the same account.
- **New candidates** have to create an account in the Bible Quiz website with the enrolled Email ID.
Create new account: <https://candidate.speedexam.net/register.aspx?site=dvbg>
- Candidate sign in: <https://candidate.speedexam.net/signin.aspx?site=dvbg>

First Round

- Questions will be in multiple choice format.
- There will be **75** questions for Grades 4-12 and **100** questions for adult candidates.
- Participants who score 80% and above will be selected for the semifinal Quiz.
- There won't be questions from the footnotes or references.

Semifinal Round

- Participants who score 80% and above will be selected for the Bible Quiz final.
- There won't be questions from the footnotes or references.
- Detailed quiz format and guidelines will be sent later.

Final Round

- There will be First, Second and Third place winners from each group.
- There won't be questions from the footnotes or references.
- Detailed quiz format and guidelines will be sent later.

Prize/Awards

- The Department of Faith Formation will recognize and reward the winners from each group.
- Winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize) from each group will receive Cash awards*, Certificates and Trophies.
1st Prize \$1000
2nd Prize \$750
3rd Prize \$500

*Cash awards will be divided/recalculated proportionately, if there are more winners in the same group.

- Top 10 rank holders (in each group) of the Final Quiz will be issued a Certificate of Achievement. All participants in the final quiz will be issued a Certificate of Appreciation.

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EUCCHARISTIA

A LEARNING SERIES ON HOLY QURBANA

First Saturday of Every month from
October 2023 - September 2024
at 8 pm CST on the Zoom platform



Meeting ID: 849 8159 0448
Passcode: Eucharist

1. OCTOBER 07

Old Testament Foundation of the Syro Malabar Holy Qurbana
-Fr. Thomas Mulavanal

2. NOVEMBER 04

Historical background of the Syro Malabar Holy Qurbana
-Rev. Dr. Antony Tharakadavil

3. DECEMBER 02

New Testament Concept of the Holy Eucharist
-Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath

Monthly Ward Meeting Schedule

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1st Friday of the month	Little Flower Ward
2nd Friday of the month	Holy Family Ward
3rd Friday of the month	Infant Jesus Ward
4th Friday of the month	St. Mary's Ward

Reminders:

- Ward meetings will start at 8pm
 - Rosary, prayer, readings (Malayalam and English)
 - Request for children's involvement (for example talk about a saint)
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DAILY SCHEDULE

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

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SATURDAY	November 4, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Jude 5-7 Punishment for unbelief
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 9:17-23 The blind is healed by Jesus
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	December 5, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Ex 40:17-29,34-38 (40:17-38) The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: Isa 6:1-8 (6:1-13) The hem of His robe filled the temple
			CCD CLASS	3rd Reading: 1 Cor 13:1-13 (12: 27-13:13) Love is the greatest gift
11:00 AM	HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel: Mt 16:13-19 I will build my Church on this rock		
NO MASS ON MONDAY				
TUESDAY	November 7, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Heb 6:1-6 Grow to maturity
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 21:1-4 The offering of the widow
WEDNESDAY	November 8, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Jas 1:19-25 Keep the Word
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 8:26-39 Jesus heals the man who had demons
THURSDAY	November 9, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Rev 3:8-13 Those who endure trials will be crowned
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mt 9:35-38 Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers
FRIDAY	November 10, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 1 Pet 1:13-20 Be holy as the one who called you
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 19:1-10 Conversion of Zacheus
SATURDAY	November 11, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Acts 10:9-16 Peter's vision
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 5:1-11 From now on you will be catching people
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	November 12, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Ex 40:1-16 (39:32-40:16) The Tabernacle and its equipments are sanctified.
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-29 (8:10-29) Solomon's prayer before the altar
			CCD CLASS	3rd Reading: Heb 8:1-6 (8:1-9:10) We have a high priest seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty.
11:00 AM	HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel: Mt 12:1-13 (12:1-21) The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath		



UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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DEC

DEI VERBUM FIRST ROUND

24
DEC

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

21
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CCD HALF YEARLY EXAM

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