



# OLPH VOICE

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER



## From Our Vicar

Beloved OLPH Families,

On December 8th we celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**. This feast holds a central place in the story of salvation, particularly in the context of the Advent season leading to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The Immaculate Conception of Mary is seen as a profound and necessary element. Mary's sinless conception is viewed as a divine preparation for her sacred role as the mother of Jesus, who Christians believe is the Son of God and the embodiment of divine truth.

The Immaculate Conception aligns with the Advent season, emphasizing the sanctity of Mary and the extraordinary nature of Jesus' coming into the world. Mary's unique and sacred role as the mother of Jesus, embodying purity and readiness for the Incarnation of God in human form.

O tower of ivory, seat of wisdom, ark of the covenant, gate of heaven pray for us who have been baptized into Christ.

With Love,  
Rijoachan

# Reflections on the Eucharist

*“Living Bread of  
faith, Celestial Food,  
O mystery of love!  
My daily Bread,  
Jesus, is you”*

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux





# Christmas Carols

Our carolers are bringing the cheerful spirit of Christmas to your homes once again!

Dec 1st Weekend ----- Holy Family Ward

Dec 2nd Weekend ----- St Mary's Ward

Dec 3rd Weekend ----- Infant Jesus Ward

Dec 4th Weekend ----- Little Flower Ward

**\*\*Exact time and schedule will be confirmed later\*\***



# DEI VERBUM 2024

## DIOCESAN BIBLE QUIZ

### FIRST ROUND

**Saturday**  
**December 2, 2023**

Grades 4-12  
**Gospel of Matthew 1-18**

Adults  
**Gospel of Matthew**

### SEMI-FINAL ROUND

**Saturday**  
**February 17, 2024**

Grades 4-12  
**Gospel of Matthew**

Adults  
**Gospel of Matthew  
& 2 Corinthians**

### FINAL ROUND

**Saturday**  
**May 11, 2024**

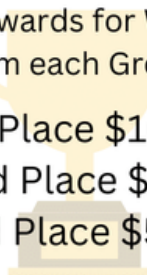
Grades 4-12  
**Gospel of Matthew  
& 2 Corinthians**

Adults  
**Gospel of Matthew, 2 Corinthians,  
& Isaiah 40-66**

### PRIZES

Cash Awards for Winners  
from each Group

1st Place \$1000  
2nd Place \$750  
3rd Place \$500



### BIBLES



പൊതുപതിപ്പ്  
POC Bible  
(Malayalam)



The  
New  
American  
Bible  
Revised Edition (English)

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*"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" - St. Jerome*

# DAILY SCHEDULE

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

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SATURDAY	December 2, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 1Pet 4:1-10 Steward of the grace of God
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 12:37-43 Unbelief of the Jews
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	December 3, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Gen 17:1-5;15-19 Announcement about the birth of Isaac
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: Mal 2:17-3:5 I send my messenger
			CCD CLASS	3rd Reading: Heb 11:1-12 Those who are blessed by faith
11:00 AM	HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel: Lk 1:5-20 Announcement about the birth of John the Baptist		
<b>NO MASS ON MONDAY</b>				
TUESDAY	December 5, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Rom 4:13-21 Grace to the descendant of Abraham
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 1:1-8 John, the man sent by God
WEDNESDAY	December 6, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Col 1:24-29 Christ, the hope of glory, is in you
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 5:31-36 John gave witness to the Truth
THURSDAY	December 7, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Rom 9:30-33 Whosoever believes in Him shall not be ashamed
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 1:21-25 The Lord removes the disgrace of Elizabeth
FRIDAY	December 8, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Sir 24:1-14 (24:1-34) The greatness of wisdom
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Isa 7:10-16 Virgin will give birth to a son
SATURDAY	December 9, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-12 Manifestation of the love of God
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 3:16-21 The goal of Incarnation
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	December 10, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Gen 3:8-24 The promise of salvation to eve
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: Jer 33:14-26 I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David
			CCD CLASS	3rd Reading: Rev 5:1-5 The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David
11:00 AM	HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel: Lk 1:26-38 The Annunciation to the Blessed Mother		

# 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 (ex. talk about a saint)
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**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

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**21**  
JAN

**CCD HALF YEARLY EXAM**

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