



OLPH VOICE

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER



From Our Vicar

Beloved OLPH Families,

During this last week in Advent let us read **Pope Francis' reflection on the role of Saint Joseph.**

Pope Francis reflects on St. Joseph's unwavering trust in God and obedience in challenging times. Despite facing a perplexing situation, Joseph exemplifies a humble and wise approach. The pope emphasized that Joseph's quiet actions encourage Catholics to broaden their perspectives, embracing God's surprising logic beyond calculations. Reflecting on the Gospel of Matthew, Pope Francis highlighted St. Joseph's pivotal role in the Christmas narrative.

Joseph's complete trust in God and obedience to the Angel's message was precisely this steadfast reliance on God that enabled Joseph to embrace a humanly difficult and somewhat incomprehensible situation.

Through his faith, Joseph recognizes that the child in Mary's womb is the Son of God, accepting the responsibilities of earthly fatherhood.

Pope Francis urges us to pray for the guidance of the Virgin Mary and Joseph, emphasizing their role in helping people listen to the approaching Jesus. Let us pray that St. Joseph accompany everyone on this Christmas journey.

With Love,
Rijoachan

Reflections on the Eucharist

*“In this world I cannot
see the Most High Son of
God with my own eyes,
except for His Most Holy
Body and Blood.”*

— St. Francis of Assisi





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

HAPPY *Birthday*

JACOB THOMAS THEKKENATTU
DEC 18TH

AMESHA CHOORAKUZH
DEC 17TH

AMEYA CHOORAKUZH
DEC 17TH

NIDAV SOJAN
DEC 17TH

WITH LOVE FROM RIJO
ACHAN, CCD TEACHERS AND
FRIENDS



DAILY SCHEDULE

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

20533 Zion Road, Gaithersburg MD 20882

SATURDAY	December 16, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Col 1:12-19 Messiah is the first-born before all creation
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 8:48-58 Messiah was there before Abraham
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	December 17, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Gen 21:1-12 The birth of Isaac
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: Is 40:1-11 Prepare the way for the Lord
			CCD CLASS	3rd Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31 God’s choice
		11:00 AM	HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel: Lk 1:57-66 Announcement about the birth of John the Baptist
NO MASS ON MONDAY				
TUESDAY	December 19, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 2 Cor 3:1-11 Ministers of the Covenant
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mt 11:7-15 The greatest of those born of women
WEDNESDAY	December 20, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 1 Pet 2:1-10 You are the chosen ones
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mk 3:31-35 Jesus’ mother and brothers
THURSDAY	December 21, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 1 Cor 10:23-33 Do everything for the Glory of God
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 7:30-35 Wisdom is justified by its actions
FRIDAY	December 22, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Rom 2:1-9 God’s Judgement
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 6:37-42 Do not judge others
SATURDAY	December 23, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Gal 4:12-20 The apostle is in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in us
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 3:22-30 He must increase, but I must decrease
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	December 24, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Ex 34:1-9 God appears to Moses
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: Zech 2:7-13 God dwells with His people
				3rd Reading: Rev 21:1-7 The sanctuary of God is with the people
				NO CCD CLASS AND MASS IN ENGLISH
		6:30 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	1st Reading: Gen 1:1-13; 26-31 God is the creator of everything
				2nd Reading: 2 Sam 7:8-17 I will raise up your offspring
				3rd Reading: Heb 1:1-14 God spoke through his Son
Gospel: Lk 2:1-14 The birth of Jesus				

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 - 2024

24
DEC

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AND CELEBRATION

31
DEC

NEW YEAR MASS

21
JAN

CCD HALF YEARLY EXAM

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