

#### From Our Vicar

Beloved OLPH Families,

The Feast of Mercy, celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, known as Divine Mercy Sunday, was instituted by Cardinal Franciszek Macharski in the Archdiocese of Cracow in 1985. It later spread to other dioceses in Poland and was established as a feast for the whole church by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

Jesus conveyed the desire for this feast to St. Faustina, emphasizing its importance as a refuge for all souls, especially sinners. The feast is marked by the pouring out of graces upon those who approach the fount of God's mercy through confession and Holy Communion. The feast is a call from Jesus to offer souls a last resort for salvation. Preparation for the feast includes reciting the novena, starting on Good Friday, followed by the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. On the feast day, the Image of the Divine Mercy is blessed and honored to inspire trust in God's mercy.

The greatest promise of the feast is the complete remission of sins and punishment, associated with Holy Communion received during the feast. Confession need not be on the feast day itself but should be made with a pure heart. The feast opens all the Divine floodgates of grace, welcoming all who approach with trust, regardless of past devotion, to receive abundant graces and rewards aligned with God's will for salvation.

Let us approach the Divine Mercy feast with prayer, confession and a longing for the mercy of God in our lives.

With Love, Rijoachan



# **FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY** SUNDAY APRIL 7





# 2024 Lenten Retreat







## DYA PRESENTS....

## SUMMIT 2024

June 27th - 30th

#### Baltimore

### "CHRIST OUR HOPE"

## REGISTRATION DATES

Early Bird (S350) Regular (S400) Late (S450)

Jan 5-17 Jan 18- Apr 5 Apr 6- May 22

# **REGISTER TODAY!**



- Praise and worship
- Keynotes speakers
- Performances
- Networking
- Adoration
- Qurbana
- Single Mingle
- and MORE!

Sean QR code to register!



## https://syrosummit24.com

OLPH Syro Malabar Catholic Church of Greater Washington

# Reflections on the Eucharist

"O Lord, we cannot go to the pool of Siloe to which you sent the blind man. But we have the chalice of Your Precious Blood, filled with life and light"

#### – Saint Ephraem<sup>®</sup>

# DAILY SCHEDULE

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

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SATURDAY	March 30, 2024			1st Reading: Isa 60: 1-7 Glory of the Lord has risen upon you		
		6:30 PM	EASTER VIGIL SERVICE	2nd Reading: 1Sam 2: 1-10 My heart exults in the Lord		
				3rd Reading: Rom 5: 20-6:23 Dying and rising with Christ		
				Gospel: Mt 28: 1-6 The Resurrection of Jesus		
SUNDAY	March 31, 2024					
		8:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	1st Reading: Rom 5: 20-6:23 Dying and rising with Christ		
			NO CCD CLASS AND MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel: Mt 28: 1-6 The Resurrection of Jesus		
NO MASS ON MONDAY						
TUESDAY	April 2, 2024	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Col 1:15-22 Peace through the sufferings and death of Christ		
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 14:25-31 I give you peace		
WEDNESDAY	April 3, 2024	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Acts 9:1-15 Jesus appears to Saul		
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel :Lk 24:13-35 The walk to Emmaus and Jesus appearsto the disciples		
DAY		7:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Rev 1:10-18 I died, but I am alive		
THURSDAY	April 4, 2024	7:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel : Lk 24:36-43 Do not be afraid		
AY	April 5, 2024	7:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Heb 11:1-6, 32-39 Faith of the ancestors		
FRIDAY		7:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel : Lk 12:1-9 Jesus will acknowledge those who acknowledge Him		
SATURDAY	April 6, 2024	9:00AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 2 Cor 3:4-11 Ministers of the New Testament		
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel : Lk 24:44-48 You are witnesses to these things		
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA			
AVONNS	April 7, 2024	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Lev 26:1-13 I am the Lord, your God		
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: Isa 44:1-8 There is no God besides me		
			CCD CLASS	3rd Reading: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Witnesses to the Word		
		11:00 AM	HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel : Jn 20:24-31 Proclamation of the faith by Thomas, the Apostle		

# Monthly Ward Meeting Schedule

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)



<b>31</b> M A R	EASTER SUNDAY
<b>19</b>	PARISH AND CCD DAY
<b>2</b> JUNE	SUNDAY CCD FINAL EXAM

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