



OLPH VOICE

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Beloved OLPH family members,

On **March 19th** we celebrate the feast of **St. Joseph**, the earthly father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Just as an Immaculate Virgin was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, a righteous and virtuous man was carefully chosen to be the earthly father of Jesus. In the gospel, there is a single line which can sum up the role that Joseph, along with Mary, played in raising Jesus - "Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men (Luke 2:52)". It is well known that the family environment, to a large extent, governs the behavior and nature of the children. Although, Jesus' birth was divine, His earthly home was just as normal as any of our homes. Hence, for Jesus to advance in wisdom and grace meant that his parents, and more so the head of the Holy Family, Joseph, led the family along the path of God's will because he had the responsibility to raise the Savior of the world.

St. Joseph is also known as the patron of a happy death. A fifth century apocryphal book, entitled, "The History of Joseph the Carpenter", narrates that Joseph was afraid of dying, and sad that he hadn't accomplished much in his life. Mary and Jesus stood by his deathbed and comforted him, and promised protection and life to everyone who did good in the name of Joseph. With those assurances, Joseph was able to die in peace and contentment – a happy death.

With love,
Royachan

Rev. Fr. Roy Moolachalil
OLPH Mission Director

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday (April 1, 2021)

2:30 PM: Holy Mass

(Facilities at Mother of God Community are unavailable in the evening)

Good Friday (April 2, 2021)

6:00 PM: Way of the Cross and Good Friday service

Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 3, 2021)

6:00 PM: Easter Vigil Service

No Holy Mass on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021





Sunday, March 14, 2021

Set your clocks
ahead one hour

Spring Forward



BLESSING OF THE CROSS

**BY FR. MATHEW PUNCHAYIL
FEBRUARY 28, 2021**



CHURCH EVENTS



LAYING OF THE BUILDING STONE

**BY FR. GEORGE MALIEKAL
MARCH 7, 2021**



HAPPENING
THIS
WEEKEND -
VIRTUAL
LENTEN
RETREAT



ORGANIZED BY ST. THOMAS SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

LENTEN

— RETREAT —

MARCH 12 - 14

7-10 PM EST

LED BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAR PRINCE ANTONY PANENGADEN

YouTube link for Day-1: <https://youtu.be/vfP924KsiT8>

YouTube link for Day-2: <https://youtu.be/fNSqcsD4rOE>

YouTube link for Day-3: <https://youtu.be/O1bHnBckS4w>

Holy Mass & Services

FOR LIVE STREAMING OF DAILY MASS CLICK HERE

SUNDAY MASS is also open to the public at

Mother of God Community Gym

20501 Goshen Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.



DAY	TIME	WORSHIP SERVICE	READINGS
Saturday, March 13, 2021	9:25 AM	Way of the Cross in Malayalam	Reading 1: Rom 13:1-7 All authorities are from God Gospel: Jn 7:45-53 Unbelief of the authorities
	10:00 AM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	
	10:45 AM	OLPH Novena	
Sunday, March 14, 2021	8:55 AM	Way of the Cross in Malayalam	Reading 1: Gen 16:6-16 Hagar is comforted by the Lord Reading 2: Josh 9:16-27 Cleansing water and wood for fire. Reading 3: Rom 12:1-11 Present your bodies as a living sacrifice Gospel: Jn 7:37-39,8:12-20 Jesus, the living water and light of the world
	9:30 AM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	
Monday - Friday	6:25 PM	Way of the Cross in Malayalam	Click here to see readings
	7:00 PM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	

Weekday Mass Readings

DATE	DAILY MASS READINGS
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021	Reading 1: Col 2:16-19 Substance belongs to Christ. Gospel: Lk 18:18-25 Sell and give to the poor.
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021	Reading 1: 2 Cor 9:10-15 Service of the ministry. Gospel: Lk 10:33-37 Be good neighbor.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021	Reading 1: Jude 8-13 Woe to those who abandon God Gospel: Jn 8:1-11 Do not commit sin again.
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021	Reading 1: 1 Tim 4:6-10 Duties of a real minister. Gospel: Lk 18:31-34 Glory through passion
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021	Reading 1: 2 Cor 10:3-11 The spiritual weapons. Gospel: Mt 1:18-25 Joseph, the Just

LENTEN

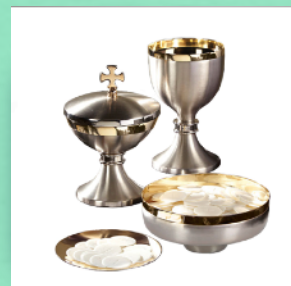
Sacrifices

Let us make our Lenten sacrifices meaningful this year!

Fill your **PIGGY BANK** with money that you save from your Lenten Sacrifices. The money collected will be used for purchasing offerings of **BREAD, WINE, FLOWERS & CANDLES** at the **FIRST HOLY MASS** offered at our new Church.

Willingly I will sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, Lord, for it is good, (Psalm 54:6)

START
HERE



**FIRST HOLY MASS
OFFERINGS AT THE
NEW CHURCH**

DYA LENTEN RETREAT

with Dr. Mark Nimo



March 19-21

5:30 PST | 7:30 CST | 8:30 EST

High School and up welcome to join

Please register here for the zoom link:
www.bit.ly/3qoiVEW

Link is also in our Insta bio @syromalabarusa



DIOCESAN YOUTH APOSTOLATE
ST. THOMAS SYROMALABAR DIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Mark Kwaku Nimo, D. Min.

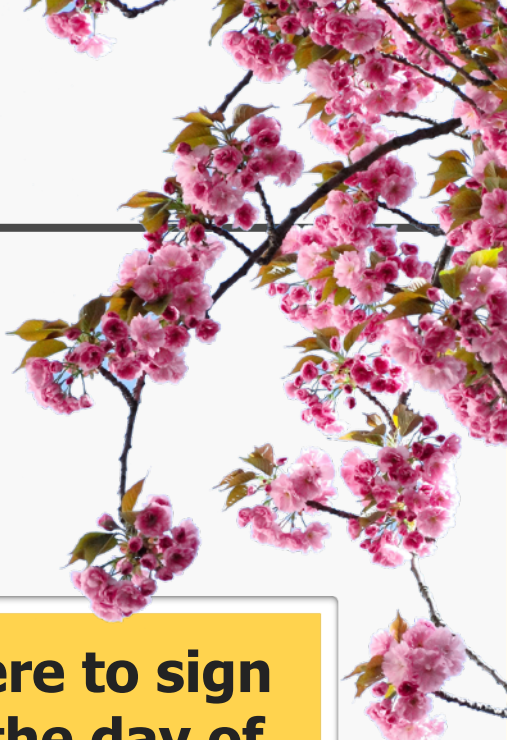
Mark Nimo is from Ghana in West Africa. He is married to Mercy and has three daughters. He earned a Masters in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union and an Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry. He currently serves as the Director of Faith Formation at St. Columbanus Church and Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Through his involvement in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Mark has ministered to over forty countries. For a period of ten years, Mark served as the representative for all Anglophone African countries on the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services office in the Vatican. He spent 6 months in Malta, for his discipleship training school (DTS) with the International Catholic Programme of Evangelization in 1990. After his training, he spent two years as a lay missionary in Uganda working in discipleship training schools at the Emmaus Center (Luwero) and ministering to people with HIV/AIDS.

March 15 - 19

Prayer & fasting for success of the Church construction

Day	Family
Monday	Boby & Sany
Tuesday	Roy & Rashmi
Wednesday	Rex & Mini
Thursday	Thomas Abraham & Briget
Friday	Tenny & Annu



Click here to sign up for the day of Fasting & Prayer

The following are suggestions for each family on their the day of prayer and fasting for the success of our Church construction:

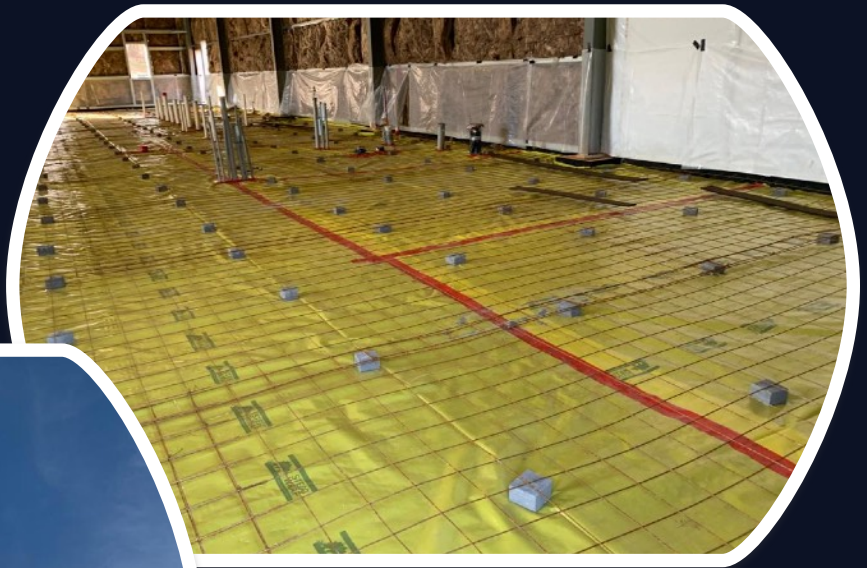
- Participate in Holy Mass (or Online Mass)
- Fast at least one full meal if possible
- Pray the Rosary (if possible full Rosary - Glorious, Joyful, Sorrowful and Luminous)
- 1 Divine Mercy chaplet
- Pray the "Apostles' Creed" 33 times
- Pray the "Flying Novena" (Memorare) 9 times
- Confession whenever possible



CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



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GET TO KNOW AN OLPH FAMILY

Rinosh and Tabitta are from Kanahangad Kasargod, Kerala. Rinosh moved to the US in 2014, and has been in Maryland since then. He currently works as an IT consultant. Tabitta moved to the US in 2016 and lived in Texas before moving to Maryland last September. She currently works as a banker in JP Morgan Chase.

Something you love about the OLPH community:

★ The people. Ever since we started attending the service in this community, OLPH family has been much more than welcoming and friendly.

Favorite Bible verse or phrase:

★ "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:16

Favorite family vacation spot:

★ Bora Bora

Favorite family activity:

★ Traveling

Rinosh & Tabitta Mullappallil



God's abundant blessings on the newly-wed couple!

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