



# OLPH VOICE

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



## From the Pastor's Desk

Beloved OLPH family members,

I wish you all the blessings of the Advent Season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord. I encourage you all to follow the suggestions on **Page 2** to spiritually prepare ourselves during this holy season.

We are also planning a **Food Drive on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** as a charity event during Advent. Let us donate generously to this cause with the food items listed on **Page 3**.

**December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** I'm sure the question "Who are you O Immaculate Conception?" will sound familiar as we had read about Maximilian Kolbe's reflection on the *Immaculata* (during the 33-day Marian consecration). Kolbe believed that there are two Immaculate Conceptions – Mary is the created Immaculate Conception and the Holy Spirit is the uncreated Immaculate Conception. Kolbe writes "What type of union is this [between the Holy Spirit and Mary]? It is above all an interior union, a union of her essence with the "essence" of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells in her, lives in her. This was true from the first instant of her existence. It was always true; it will always be true."

With love,  
Royachan  
**Fr. Roy Moolachalil**  
Vicar

# 25 DAYS OF PREPARATION FOR

# Christmas



As we celebrate the first Christmas in our new church, we should prepare our hearts for Christmas and welcome baby Jesus.

During this advent season, we should make a special effort to:

- Participate in Holy Mass
- Fast/Abstain
- Make a good Sacramental Confession
- Pray the Rosary daily
- Read and reflect on the Holy Bible

Starts on December 1st!



So Others Might Eat

# CHARITY FOOD DRIVE

SOME is an nonprofit organization that provides services to those experiencing homelessness and poverty in Washington, D.C.

## What can I donate?

- Frozen Ground Beef (in the store package)
- 8-oz Bottles of Water
- Large Cans of Tomato Sauce
- Sandwich Cookies

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO  
CHURCH. ALL THE DONATIONS  
WILL BE SENT TO THE SOME  
ORGANIZATION

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

**Please bring the items listed above to  
church on Sunday December 5, 2021  
as part of a Food Drive effort of our  
Parish during this Advent season**



## Christmas Tree Decoration

**All CCD students will be given clear plastic Christmas Ornaments that they can paint and bring on Sunday, December 12. The Christmas tree will be decorated with these ornaments**



# DAILY SCHEDULE

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

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SATURDAY	December 4, 2021	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 5, 2021	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 plant a righteous branch to David
			CCD CLASS	3rd Reading: Rev 5:1-5 The Lion from 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
NO MASS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY				
WEDNESDAY	December 8, 2021	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Heb 1:1-3, 2:16-18 Son of God
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 1:46-55 The Magnificat.
THURSDAY	December 9, 2021	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 1 Jn 5:13-20 The Messiah is the true God and Eternal life
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 1:67-75 The horn of salvation in the house of David
FRIDAY	December 10, 2021	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Rom 12:9-21 Conquer evil with good
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 6:27-36 Do good to those who hate you
SATURDAY	December 11, 2021	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Col 1:12-19 The Messiah is the firstborn of all creation
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 8:48-58 The Messiah was before Abraham
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	December 12, 2021	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

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