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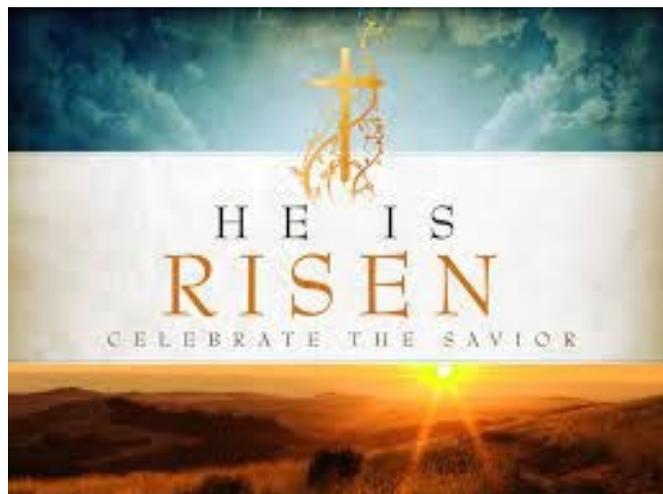
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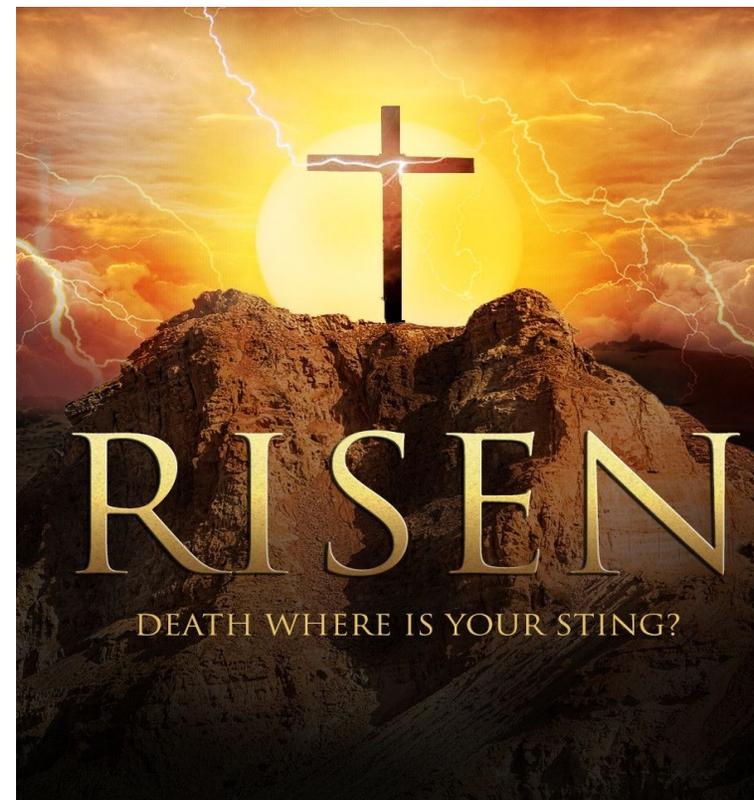
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Immanuel Mar Thoma Church

Houston, TX



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023

WORSHIP SCHEDULE APRIL 2023

April 2 HOSANNA: Jesus entry into Jerusalem			
10:00AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Sharon area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Zech 9:1-12 Heb 5: 5-10 Col 1:15-23 Matt 21:1-17
April 6 Passover: Jesus Christ broken for the salvation of the world			
7:00 PM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Sinai area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Exod. 12: 1-20 Heb. 9:1-15 1 Cor 11:23-26 Matt 26:17-29
April 7 Good Friday: The salvific death of Christ and the invitation to bear the cross			
9:00 AM	Malayalam assisted by Yuvajana Sakhyam	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Gospel	Isaiah 53 1 Peter 1 Matt 26:47-75
11:00AM	English assisted by Youth Fellowship	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Gospel	Zach 13 Gal 3 Matt 27:1-44
12:30PM	Malayalam assisted by Tabor area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Gospel	Num 21:1-9 Heb 3:1-19 Matt 27:45-56
April 9 EASTER: The Celebration of New Life			
8:00 AM	English HQ assisted by Bethel area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa 60: 12-22 1 Cor 15:42-58 1 Cor 15:20-28 Mark 16:1-8
April 16 Jesus Christ who Restores			
10:30AM	English HQ assisted by Bethlehem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen 32: 22-32 Col 3: 1-11 Col 1: 15-23 John 20: 24-29
April 23 Jesus Christ who transforms humans situations			
8:00 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by Youth Fellowship	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen 18:1-10 Rom 12:9-16 Heb 13: 1-8 John 21: 1-14
10:30AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Carmel area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen 18:1-10 Rom 12:9-16 Heb 13: 1-8 John 21: 1-14
April 30 Resurrected Lord the Co—Traveler			
10:00AM	HQ assisted by Ebenezer area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Exo 40:34-38 Acts 27:27-37 2 Cor 1: 3-10 Luke 24: 13-35

2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OFFICE BEARERS

Vicar	Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese	713.330.5299
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Sinai	Mr. Philip Mathew	682.246.1255
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IMC Facility Manager	Mr. John P. Mathew	832.656.1836
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Auditor	Mr. Aju John	832.846.0763

APRIL BIBLE QUIZ QUESTIONS

Bible Portion Psalm 46-60

1. A man who has riches without understanding is like the beasts that perish. Who said this?
2. God is our ----- and-----, an ever present help in trouble. Fill the gap.
3. This psalm was sung by David after the visit by prophet Nathan. David is asking mercy of God . Name the psalm.
4. Why did David desire to have wings of Dove?
5. Record my lament; list my tears on your scroll, who prayed this?

Answers for March Bible Quiz

1. 32:10, 2. Psalm 34, 3. 37:1-2, 4. 39:5, 5. Psalm 45.

SECRETARY'S PAGE

Spring would slowly be edging into Texas. We will see signs of new life and growth everywhere we look in nature. Azaleas are starting to bloom. Rosebuds, dogwoods, and all others would follow the same. Everything would start proceeding according to a set plan.

True Christians are characterized by genuine faith. But there are times, when our faith becomes weak and dormant. The season of spring is an opportune time for us to stimulate growth and strengthen our faith. Our faith must mature and blossom through an increasing commitment to Jesus Christ.

Christians everywhere have been observing the season of Lent. We journey through this season on the way to the cross. And as it is true for every journey, there comes a point of no return, a point where the only way to move is forward. For Jesus, this point of no return was the Garden of Gethsemane where He wrestled with God in prayer.

In a quiet garden on the outskirts of Jerusalem, He prayed to be spared from the cup of suffering. Yet, despite His feelings of imminent anguish, Christ amazingly enough concluded His prayer with the words, "Not my will, but thine will be done".

For Jesus, Gethsemane resulted in a note of triumph. He rose from His prayer to resolutely carry out his mission on the cross for the salvation of the entire world. He understood and accepted God's will for Him.

In our personal life there will be times of heartache and struggle, times of Gethsemane. During such times, our faith must carry us forward to remain committed to doing the will of God. Let the hope of resurrection fill our life and empower us as a church to carry out the mission God has entrusted us.



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From the Vicar's Desk



RESET YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Reset our spiritual life. We are in Passion Week, the beautiful time in the church calendar, worshiping the passion, suffering, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the time we bow down and worship the Lord. Bowing down is a very beautiful spiritual exercise. When we bow down, it reminds us to put down our ego, selfishness, pride, jealousy, envy, and the like. It also reminds us to submit to the Lord and surrender to His will. The music and the chants are of sadness. But we look forward to Easter, the resurrection of our Lord, and the transformation and newness that has been brought to our life. By bowing down and worshipping God, let's reset our life.

Let's reset our life by fasting and praying. During this week of passion, all of us set apart time to fast and pray. There is no lent without fasting. Rather than a ritual, fasting is a spiritual and theological faith expression. In the Old Testament, we read about the 'breaking of the fast' by Adam and Eve by eating the fruit. Jesus our Lord began His ministry with fasting and praying. The result of Adam's failure is the expulsion from paradise and death. The result of Jesus, our Lord's victory is the destruction of death and the restoration of humans to paradise. In this perspective, fasting is revealed to us as something decisive and ultimate in its importance. It is not merely a custom or tradition or obligation; it relates to the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation.

Reset our life with deep love. It is a time to reset our relationships; husband and wife, parents and children, siblings each other, church as a community, and professional relation. The whole worship of passion will be meaningful if we receive the love of Jesus our Lord and share the same with each other. Our Lord manifested divine love throughout his life on earth, especially in passion. As a symbol of his love, he washed the feet of his disciples. St. John says: "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." The end is just like emptying the cup after finishing a drink. There is nothing left. The imagery is perfect for the perfect love. Let our love for each other be the same. So, let's reset our relationships. Organize the work schedule and life schedule accordingly to attend all the worship services. Reduce food, and screen time, slow down in life, enjoy silence, and refresh our life. Let's reconcile and restore our relationship. Fill the love of our Lord in us and share the same love with all.

May God Bless us all.

Rev. Eappen Varghese, Vicar



CALENDAR

April 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 am Alter boy & girls 11 am Medical Ministry 5 pm Diversified Ministry
2 9 am Sunday School 10 am Service 5 pm Meeting	3 6 am prayer 9 am church open for silent prayer 7 pm Sndyanamaskaram	4 6 am prayer 9 am church open for silent prayer 7 pm Sndyanamaskaram	5 6 am prayer 9 am church open for silent prayer 7 pm Sndyanamaskaram	6 6 am prayer 9 am church open for silent prayer 7 pm Sndyanamaskaram and the Holy Qurbana	7 9 am Good Friday Service	8 9:30 am Morning Namaskaram
9 8 am Easter Service	10 6 am Prayer 7:30 pm Edavaka Mission Center B prayer	11 6 am Prayer	12 6 am Prayer 8 pm Ephphatha Bible Study	13 6 am Prayer 10 am Pakalvedu	14 6 am Prayer 10 am Fasting Prayer 7 pm Prayer Sinai	15 10 am Combined Meeting 4 pm Executive Committee 7 pm Prayer Hebron
16 9 am Sunday School 10:30 Holy Qurbana English	17 6 am Prayer 7:30 pm Edavaka Mission Regional Prayer	18 6 am Prayer	19 6 am Prayer 8 pm Ephphatha	20 6 am Prayer 10 am Malayalam Holy Qurbana	21 6 am Prayer 10 am Fasting Prayer 7 pm Young Adult	22 12 noon House Warming 7 pm Prayer Horeb 7 pm YF meeting
23 8 am G3 and Holy Qurbana 9:30 am Sunday School Yuvajana sakthiyam Cottage prayer	24 6 am Prayer	25 6 am Prayer	26 6 am Prayer 8 pm Ephphatha	27 6 am Prayer	28 6 am Prayer 10 am Fasting Prayer 7 pm YFF- Parish Mission House visit	29 9 am Sramadanam 6 pm House Warming
30 9 am Sunday School 10 am Holy Qurbana Yuyakim Thirumeni	Notes:					

New Members

1) Mr. Praveen Philip Sunny, Mrs. Nina Pappy Nelson and Elijah Sunny Praveen
ID #689, Jerusalem Prayer Group
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Katy, TX 77450
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2) Mr. Thomas Varughese, Mrs. Betty C. Thomas and Jittin Varughese Thomas
ID # 690, Bethlehem Prayer Group
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Missouri City, TX 77489
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Welcome to the Immanuel Family!



APRIL 2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



ID	Name	Spouse	Day
548	V.M Georgekutty	Bindu Georgekutty	3-Apr
189	Raju Varghese	Liziyamma G. Varghese	5-Apr
575	Dr. Cerrill Mathew	Dr. Susan Ninan Mathew	6-Apr
101	P. M. Jacob	Annamma Jacob	7-Apr
369	John Kumar	Susamma John	10-Apr
495	Shaji Jacob	Smitha Jacob	13-Apr
112	M. G. Mathew	Leelamma Mathew	14-Apr
300	Kuruvillea Chandy	Selin Chandy	14-Apr
537	Shibu Thankachen	Tiji Shibu	15-Apr
364	Koshy Abraham	Sheena Abraham	17-Apr
467	John Varughese	Rachel Varughese	17-Apr
304	Thomas Mathew	Suja Thomas	18-Apr
667	Mithun Mathew Thomas	Nayana Benny	19-Apr
318	Abraham Abraham	Mollykutty Abraham	20-Apr
336	Dr. Laji James	Elizabeth James	20-Apr
578	Victor Varghese	Mariam Vicky Varghese	20-Apr
358	Jobin M. Jose	Mereena Jobin	21-Apr
535	Benzy Bennykutty	Ginu Varghese	21-Apr
289	Abraham Samuel	Mary A. Samuel	22-Apr
420	John M John	Sheeja M. John	22-Apr
171	Samuel Jose George	Michelle Mathew	23-Apr
366	George C. Mammen	Annamma George	23-Apr
534	Varghese P.P.	Annamma Varghese	23-Apr
665	Sujith Kurian	Jaisy Jacob	23-Apr
311	Shibu John	Ancy John	24-Apr
456	Bibin Abraham Thomas	Meffy Ann Thomas	24-Apr
100	Rev. Santhosh Thomas	Teena Thomas	25-Apr
296	Rijul Raju	Dayana M. Sunny	25-Apr
544	Kurian Varghese	Bindhu Elsy Varghese	25-Apr
141	Cherian Abraham	Elizabeth Cherian	26-Apr
166	Samuel Koshy	Annamma Samuel	26-Apr
474	Jama Sam	Sunu Sam	26-Apr
310	Terin V. Philip	Christina Philip Oricompil	27-Apr
645	Vinod Thomas	Minal Thomas	29-Apr
448	K. T. Sajee	Binta C. Varghese	30-Apr



APRIL 2023 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)



16-Apr	Reba E. Thomas	23-Apr	Immanuel John
	Abrielle Susan Jobin		Emilia Santhosh
	Jolly Sajeev		Abby Theckmuryil Thomas
17-Apr	Annamma Varghese	24-Apr	Nathaniel L. James
	Cybil Varghese		Natasha Sara Varghese
	Nathaliya Aliya Shybu		Sheja Joe Cherian
	Laly Philip		George Thomas
18-Apr	Alwintom Joseph	25-Apr	Noah M. Keerikattu
	Jonah Reji Eapen		Joseph John Jr.
	Nathan Mathew George		Susmy Susan Koshy
	Blessy Rachel Sinu		Leah Chloe Thomas
	Joel Mathew		Ashley Bennykutty
	Abigail Mathew		Nisha Santhosh
19-Apr	Jonathan Samuel Abraham	26-Apr	Juby M. Varghese
	Joel M. John		Siji Mathew
	Riya Elizabeth George		Celia Ann Jacob
	Biju T. Mathew		Sophia Grace John
	Reeja Joby		Baby Samuel
20-Apr	David V. Varghese	27-Apr	P. M. Jacob
	Mathew Thomas		Leelamma Thomas
	Mary M. Raju		P. E. Kuruvilla
	Sam Alexander		Abraham Mannaickal
	Stevin K. Thomas		Valsamma Abraham
21-Apr	Tiji Shibu	28-Apr	Rev. Santhosh Thomas
	Sheela Alexander		Abia Varughese
	Johanna K. Varghese	29-Apr	Julia A. Thomas
	Alina Abraham		Rachel Varghese
	Joshua George Jacob		Ajay Mathew George
	Ethan Philip		Noah John Korah
	Mary K. Joseph		Legi Abraham
	Marykutty Puthenmadathil		Abraham Varughese
Achamma Mathew	Ashna Varghese		
22-Apr	Andrew Michel Abraham	30-Apr	Ann Varghese
	John P. Thomas		Lena James
	Alan John		Jibin Varghese
	Steve K. Thomas		Jeryn Chacko Varghese
	Varghese Thomas		Jim Sam Green

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sunday School begins at 9:30 AM (9:00AM on April 2nd & 30th) <u>Intramural Competition Dates</u> April 16th- Singing competition after church (for all grades) April 23rd- Memory Verse (KG-4th Grade) during Sunday School April 23rd- Elocution competition after church (5th-12th grades)
SENIOR FELLOWSHIP	April 13 Thursday Pakalveedu 10AM - 12PM at the church. April 20 Thursday HQ in Malayalam @10AM.
IMAAF	Prayer Meeting on April 21 @ 7:30PM at the church
AREA PRAYER GROUP	Sinai area prayer meeting -Fri April 14 @ 7:30 PM at the residence of Mr. Cherian Mathew (ID# 639) 3639 Lister Dr., Rosharon Horeb area prayer meeting -Sat April 22 @ 6 PM at the residence of Mr. Biju Abraham, 719 Charleston Heights, Sugar Land (ID #318)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars and save the date !

April 29th	Srama Danam /Church Beautification
April 30th	Suffragan Bishop Visit
June 24th	Church Picnic
July 14th-16th	Sunday School VBS

ADDRESS CHANGES

- Mr. Thomas George & Deepa Thomas (ID# 682)**
New address: 4622 Preservation Oaks Ln., Fresno, TX 77545
Phone # 732.491.3422
- Mr. Mathew Varghese & Reena Varghese (ID# 677)**
New address: 4719 Pecos Ridge Lane, Sugar Land, TX 77479

CONDOLENCES

Mr. Itty T. Chandy, 78 years old, father of Mrs. Tissy Mary Itty (ID # 577) of the Hebron area prayer group and uncle of Mrs. Lisa Mathew (I.D. #416) of the Jerusalem area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Kerala.

Mr. K.V. Chacko, 90 years old, father of Mr. George Varghese (I.D.# 620) of the Bethlehem Area Prayer Group was taken to heavenly abode on March 20, in Chengannur, Kerala.

The Vicars and members of the Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Houston express our heartfelt condolences to all the bereaving families and friends. Kindly uphold the bereaving families in your prayers.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A baby girl, Angelyn Mariam Jobin, was born to Mr. Jobin Jose and Mereena Jobin of the Tabor Area prayer group.
Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents Mr. Mohan John Thomas and Molly Mohan, ID # 358
- A baby boy, Xavier Cherian Thomas was born to Mr. Justin Thomas and Benita Mathai of the Sharon Area Prayer Group.
Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents Mr. Bhasilal and Valsa Mathai, ID # 224

APRIL 2023 BIRTHDAYS

1-Apr	C. Thomas Yohannan	8-Apr	Varughese M. Varughese
	Mathew Zachariah		Bibin George Mathew
	Suni Mathew		John Joseph
	Shybu Varghese		Ana Ivy Mathew
2-Apr	Karan Kanneri	9-Apr	Nidhi J. Abraham
	Leena Abraham		Beena Sabu
Liza Abraham	Nayana Benny		
3-Apr	Leelamma Mathew	10-Apr	Samuel M. Varghese
	Jason Kurian		Dr. Lydia John
	Thomas Zachariah		Roy Chacko
	Mini M. Philip	Diya Maria Varghese	
	Yashly Mariam Thomas	Jaisy Jacob	
4-Apr	Aria Elizabeth Joshy	11-Apr	Samuel Abraham
	Gabriel V. Samuel		Dr. Reena Jacob
	Abraham P. Varghese		Itty Oommen Kandathil
5-Apr	Jackson V. Jacob	12-Apr	Jessica Nguen Thomas
	Susan Varghese		Erin Kuruvilla
	Arun Kuruvilla Roy		George Hanok Varghese
Kiran Kuruvilla Roy	Saramma Eapen		
6-Apr	Jasmine Varghese	13-Apr	Annamma Samuel
	Annamma James		M. S. Raju
	Thankamoni S.Varghese		John P. Mathew
7-Apr	Abraham Abraham	14-Apr	Premadas Mammazhiyil
	Benson P. Kurien		Mammen Mathew
	Shiju Thomas		Vivekanand V. Shetti
	Michelle Mathew	15-Apr	Nidia A. Samuel
	Thomas P. John		Jessy A. Valayil
	Aby J. Roy		Joanne John
	Ashwin George Jacob		Vinney Samuel
	Luke Thomas Philip	Mathew Varghese	
	Alex Abraham Philip	Varghese Kunchacko	
	Mathew Titus	Mammen Mathew	
Lincy E. George	Jaime Saij		
Mammen Thomas	Achamma Ninan		
Roy Thomas	Annamma Koruthu		
Jerin V. Jacob	Latha Thomas		
			Kunjumol Saban
			Manju Moses
			Abraham Chacko
			Kunnel M. Mathew
			Manaloor Eapen John