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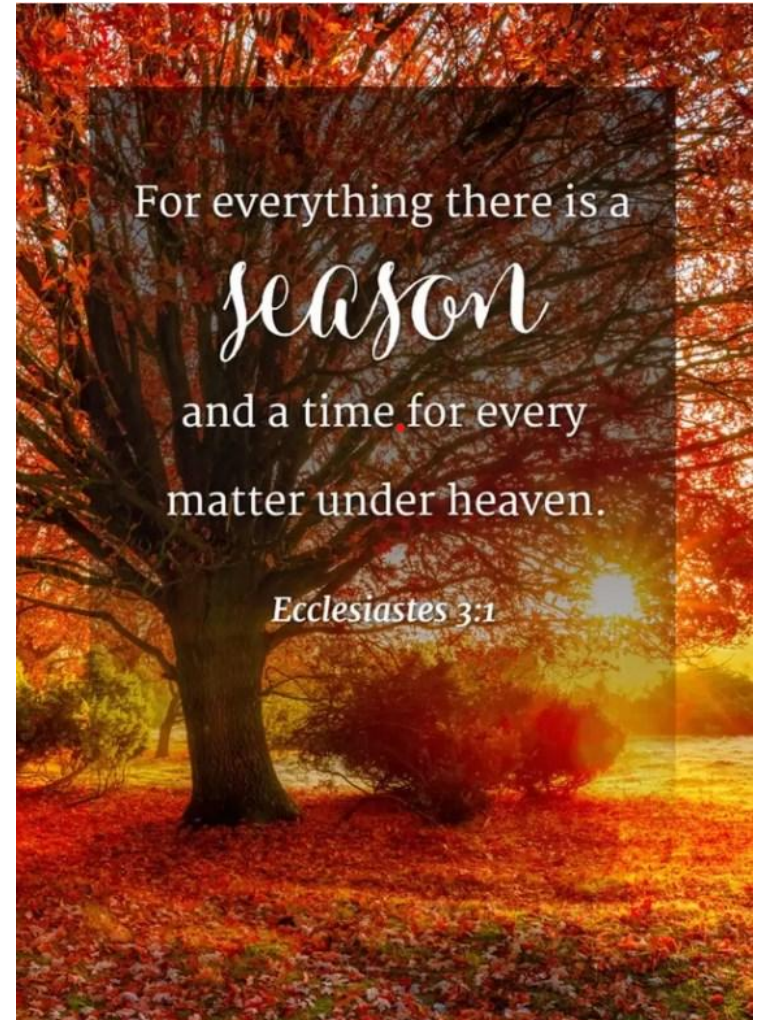


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Immanuel Mar Thoma Church

Houston, TX



NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2024

Sept. 01 Education that leads to Divine truths			
8:00 AM	English HQ assisted by Sinai area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Prov. 4:1-11 1 Cor. 1:18-25 Rom 11: 33 -36 John. 14: 5-14
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Tabor area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Prov. 4:1-11 1 Cor. 1:18-25 Rom 11: 33 -36 John. 14: 5-14
Sept. 08 Women: Witnesses of the Gospel			
8:00 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Ruth. 4: 1-12 Acts 16: 11-15 Gal. 3: 26-29 Luke 8:1-3
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Sevika Sanghom	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Ruth. 4: 1-12 Acts 16: 11-15 Gal. 3: 26-29 Luke 8:1-3
Sept. 15 Sr. Citizens: Model for the Generations			
10:30 AM	English HQ assisted by Sr. Citizens	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen 48: 1-22 Phil. 2:12-18 2 Tim. 4:1-8 Luke 2: 25-38
Sept. 19 Thursday Holy Qurbana			
10:00 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion		
Sept. 22 HQ: Foretaste of the Kingdom of God			
8:00 AM	G3 CFF & English HQ assisted by CFF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Exod.12:21-28 Acts 2: 42-47 1 Cor.11:23-30 Matt. 26:26-29
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Bethel Area Prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Exod.12:21-28 Acts 2: 42-47 1 Cor. 11:23-30 Matt. 26:26-29
Sept 29 Prayer: Constant Communion with God			
10:30 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Prov. 30:4-9 Acts. 12:1-12 Eph. 3:14 -21 Matt 6: 5-15

SWRYF TOURNAMENT WINNERS





Immanuel Mar Thoma Church

Annual Picnic

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Join us for Fun, Food and Fellowship!

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPT. 7TH

WHERE: KITTY HOLLOW PARK

9555 HIGHWAY 6, MISSOURI CITY

8:30AM - 2:30PM





IMMANUEL MIDDLE AGE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP (IMAFF)

12803 Sugar Ridge Blvd, Stafford, TX 77477

PLATINUM ★★



OCT. 13

SUN. 5.00 PM

At Immanuel Center

A Charitable Fundraiser
ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM WITH DINNER

Dance, Music, Skit & Various
***** Entertainment Programs *****

2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
OFFICE BEARERS		
Vicar	Rev. Joseph John	713.330.5299
Assistant Vicar	Rev. Santhosh Thomas	832.837.4721
Vice President	Mr. Mathew T. Scaria	281.857.5611
Secretary	Mr. P.M. Jacob	832.567.0745
Treasurer	Mr. Joy N. Samuel	832.606.5697
Accountant	Mr. Johnny M. Mathew	281.704.6901
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Lay Leader (English)	Mr. Ajel John	281.854.8078
AREA REPRESENTATIVES		
Bethel	Mr. Mathews Varghese	832.205.6860
Bethlehem	Mr. Varghese Rajesh Mathew	832.630.0748
Carmel	Mr. Mathew P. Varghese	832.771.4723
Ebenezer	Mr. Jacob Kunnumpurathu	713.254.9448
Hebron	Mr. John K. Philip	832.744.0271
Horeb	Mr. Rajan Daniel	832.628.5481
Jerusalem	Mr. Abraham Komattu	281.750.5837
Salem	Mrs. Annamma Jacob	832.332.1007
Sehion	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham	516.467.7926
Sharon	Mr. Thomas Thyparampil	832.488.0545
Sinai	Mr. Philip Mathew	682.246.1255
Tabor	Mr. John Varghese	281.746.0005
CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES		
Choir	Mr. Bibin George	713.922.8232
Edavaka Mission	Mr. Alexander Jacob	469.982.1576
Senior Fellowship	Mrs. Sara Philip	281.889.8566
Sevika Sanghom	Mrs. Lata Mathews	832.205.6861
Sunday School	Dr. Anita Joy Thomas	630.864.1375
Young Family Fellowship	Mr. Ajay Thomas	281.948.5114
Youth Fellowship	Mr. Daniel Kalathoor	281.967.0607
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mr. Christopher George	832.851.3597
DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY & MANDALAM MEMBERS		
Diocesan Assembly	Mr. Binu Pappachan	405.922.5716
Diocesan Assembly	Ms. Jewel Zachariah	832.334.8622
Diocesan Assembly	Mr. Siju Philip	516.503.5589
Sabha Mandalam	Mr. M.G. Mathew	281.857.3088
OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS		
IMC Administrator Scheduler	-	-
IMC Facility Manager	Mr. John Varghese	832.938.8664
IMC Facility Manager	Mr. John P. Mathew	832.656.1836
Technology Director	Mr. Abraham Kurien	832.623.2330
AUDITORS		
Auditor	Mr. Sam Thomas	832.938.8664
Auditor	Mr. Aji Daniel	832.846.0763

FROM THE ASST. VICAR'S DESK



Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." This verse encourages us to reflect on the seasons of our lives—times of joy, growth, challenge, and renewal. Just as nature transitions from summer to autumn, so too do our spiritual lives.

September, with its crisp air and changing leaves, is a perfect time to pause, seek God's guidance, and embrace the unique season He has placed us in. Whether we are planting or harvesting, let us be faithful stewards of the time God has given us, always drawing closer to Him and one another.

This month is special for our Parish, with two cherished events: our Parish Picnic and Parish Convention. The Parish Picnic is a time for us to come together in joy and fellowship, to unwind in the beauty of God's creation, and to strengthen the bonds that make our church community so vibrant. I encourage each of you to join us on September 7th, bringing your loved ones to share in the laughter and warmth of our church family. Our Parish Convention offers a profound opportunity for spiritual enrichment and renewal. From September 20th to 22nd, through inspiring messages, worship, and collective prayer, we will seek to deepen our relationship with God and with each other. I encourage everyone of you to attend and participate fully, allowing this time to be a source of spiritual nourishment and guidance for your life.

Our Sunday school classes are restarted. Kindly make sure all our children are attending the classes regularly. Their regular attendance is helping to grow in faith and understanding. Sunday School is a place to learn about God's love, build friendships, and discover the joy of following Christ. I encourage you to attend regularly.

Let us remember Psalm 133:1, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" May this September be a season of unity, growth, and abundant blessings for all. May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Santhosh Thomas, Asst. Vicar

JUBILEE PROJECT UPDATE

Construction activities are continuing to progress for the Jubilee Project. The concrete foundation has been poured for the Jubilee Hall. At the same time the steel structure for the gymnasium is being assembled and will take a couple of weeks to complete. After this, the steel structure for the Jubilee Hall will be assembled once the beams arrive in the second week of September. Plumbing inlets and sewers and domestic lines will also be run.

Please continue to support the project financially through new donations and by paying off your pledges. Also, please participate in the personal loan initiative which would help us in reducing the loan amount that we have to borrow from the bank at high interest rate. Above all, please remember the project in your daily prayers.

WWW.IMMANUELMTC.ORG

We invite members to check out the updated church website with new features and functionalities at www.immanuelmtc.org. There are several new features like updated lectionary, Bible Verses in three different languages, various channels for our organizations, exclusive channels for media that include podcasts, video and photo galleries, exclusive section for our church history, and that of the North American Diocese.

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

AREA PRAYER GROUPS

Salem area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday September 1st at 7 pm at the residence of Mr. P.M. Jacob (ID # 101). Address: 14506 Lofty Mountain Trail, Houston, TX.

Ebenezer area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday September 1st at 5 pm at the residence of Mr. Richard Philip (ID # 504). Address: 16806 Wil-low Bend Ct., Sugarland, TX

Sehion area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday September 22nd at 6 pm at the residence of Mr. Shiju George (ID # 476). Address: 4506 Marilee Chris Ct., Sugarland, TX

Sinai area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday September 29th at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. George C. Philip (ID # 581). Address: 4726 Abercorn St., Rosharon, TX

Hebron area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Saturday September 28th at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Sam Abraham (ID # 556). Address: 4806 Hickory Branch Ln., Sugarland, TX



Immanuel Center

For all your Celebrations



**MEMBERS RATE FROM \$350
(FELLOWSHIP HALL) AND IMMANUEL CENTER
FROM \$1000**

CLEANING AND SET UP EXTRA

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT
JOHN MATHEW 832 656 1836
JOHN VARGHESE 832 938 8664

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/7 - Parish Picnic @ Kitty Hollow Park, M. City
9/20 - 9/22- Parish Convention
10/26 - Auction (Tentative)
11/17 - Parish Day
11/30- House to House Christmas Caroling starts
12/24 - Christmas Carol Service
12/30 -12/31 – Year End Retreat



ZELLE PAYMENTS

Making Payments to Church Using Zelle

Zelle is a faster method of payment, that is protected by online encryption and can be done with just a few steps using your phone or PC. This mode of payment transfer, offered by the 7 largest banks in the US, is one of the safest alternatives to sending cash or a check in the mail. and that money is automatically deposited into the recipient's bank account and doesn't incur any fees.

Email address for the transaction is:

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SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Vijo Zachariah & Jincy Philip	1-Sep
Allen John Jacob & Dancy John	2-Sep
George C Philip & Sosamma George Philip	2-Sep
Justin J. Samuel & Lida Susan Abraham	2-Sep
George K. Eapen & Saramma Eapen	4-Sep
Vinney Samuel & Nisha V. Samuel	4-Sep
Roy Philip K & Anieamma Joseph	4-Sep
Yohannan Mathunny & Saramma Mathunny	6-Sep
Thomas Abraham & Alicekutty Thomas	7-Sep
Dr.Reji John & Haley Nicole Sooudi	7-Sep
Bibin George Mathew & Meera Rose Alexander	9-Sep
Mathai P. Koshy & Sosamma Koshy	10-Sep
Charlie P. Matthew & Suma C. Matthew	10-Sep
Alex Thomas & Susan Alex	10-Sep
Blessy Johns Abraham & Julie P John	10-Sep
Abraham Varughese & Selin Varghese	10-Sep
Philip M. Abraham & Marimma Abraham	11-Sep
Rency Koshy & Remya Mariam Rency	11-Sep
John P. Mathew & Aney K. John	12-Sep
Kurian George & Sosamma George	13-Sep
Toji M. Samuel & Beena Toji Samuel	15-Sep
Thomas Mathen & Bobby Mathew	15-Sep
Binu Alexander & Aksa Alex	15-Sep
Anil Valiaparambil & Beena Valiaparambil	15-Sep
Saji T. Koruthu & Annamma Koruthu	16-Sep
Kuruvilla John & Soniya Kuruvilla	16-Sep
Reno Samuel & Somy Samuel	16-Sep
Joseph Varkey & Thankamoni S.Varghese	18-Sep
Roy Jacob & Reena Roy	18-Sep
Aby V. George & Anuja George	20-Sep
Joy N. Samuel & Sally J. Samuel	22-Sep
Gene G. Abraham & Jennifer Susan Chacho	24-Sep
Mathew Jacob & Jocelyn Ann Thomas	25-Sep
Varghese Sebastian & Dr. Susy Varghese	26-Sep
Liju James & Lena James	27-Sep
Mathew C. Samuel & Mariakutty Samuel	28-Sep
Richard Philip & Dr. Cindy Jacob	28-Sep
Rajeev Thomas & Achamma Rejeev	29-Sep
Ajay Jacob Sam & Reenu Sara Sam	29-Sep
George Mathew & Ammini George	30-Sep
Premadas Mammazhiyil & Sherine P. Mercily	30-Sep
Reju Eapen & Jiny Eapen	30-Sep
George Varghese & Reena George	30-Sep

ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School	Sept. 9:30 am -Sunday school starts
Senior Fellowship	Sept. 12: Pakalveedu Fellowship @ 10 am Sept. 19: HQ in Malayalam @ 10 am
Sevika Sanghom	Sept. 08: Sevika Sanghom Day Sept. 21: Cottage prayer meeting @ the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Varghese (ID # 264).

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

New Student Registration

Please e-mail sundayschool.imtc@gmail.com to register any new students in the Sunday School. If your student attended Sunday School last year, there is no need to register them again.

Immanuel Family Night on October 13th

Calling teacher and parent volunteers to help choreograph a dance program for the IMAFF-sponsored Immanuel Family Night. Please send an e-mail to Mr. Jim Thomas at sundayschool.imtc@gmail.com if interested.

PARISH CONVENTION

The parish Convention will be held from Sept. 20-22. **Very Rev. K.Y. Jacob** will be the main speaker. On Friday & Saturday, the convention will start at 7 pm. Please pray that the convention will be a blessed event that will bring about a renewal in our spiritual life.

CONDOLENCES

- 1.Mr. Saji Varghese, 55 years old, co-brother of Mr. Abraham John (ID # 655) of the Sharon area prayer group was taken to his heavenly abode in Houston, Texas.
- 2.Mrs. Annamma Philipose, 78 years old, aunt of Dr. Jereesh John (ID # 700) of the Hebron area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Thottakad, Kerala.
3. Mr. Jacob Chacko. 88 years old, (ID # 172) of the Ebenezer area prayer group, father of Mr. Jackson V. Jacob (ID # 215) and Mr. Thomson Jacob (ID # 392) was taken to his heavenly abode in Houston, Texas. Mr. Jacob Chacko was a founding member of our church. His many contribution to the parish are recalled here with many thanks.
- 4.Mr. Varghese Eapen, 77 years old, father of Mr. Reju A. Eapen (ID # 468) of the Sehion area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Pullad, Kerala.

The Vicars and members of the Immanuel Parish express our heartfelt condolences. May our thoughts and prayers comfort and console the families during this time of bereavement.



SEPTEMBER 2024 BIRTHDAYS



Susamma Thomas	1-Sep	Dr. Sam Joseph	8-Sep
Adam T. Thadikkal		Sara Sam	
Vino Cherian	2-Sep	Aleena Susan Mathew	
Anna Laura Dominguez	3-Sep	Cherian K. Abraham	9-Sep
Chacko Jacob		Mekha S Thomas	
Ann Liz Terish		Edwin Kuruvilla	
David Thomas Mathew		Bini George	
Raymond Christopher	3-Sep	Ansu J. Abraham	10-Sep
Leah Thomas		Regi Pappachan	
Keira Malini Thomas	4-Sep	Emil Mathew Mathews	11-Sep
Seena M. Keerikattu		Betsy Sam	
Asha M. Philip		Jason Varghese	
Rhiana Pappachen		Rachel Mathew	
Joe B. Varghese	Anna George	12-Sep	
Josh B. Varghese	Alexander Samuel		
Shejo Joe Cherian	Shreya S. Joy		
Sonia Varghese	John Varughese		
Tina George	5-Sep	Jacob John	13-Sep
Dr. Julie Ann Mathew		Gene G. Abraham	
Abraham Mathew		Reji V. Kurian	
Joshua Chacko		Johnson Thomas	
Jacob John	6-Sep	Aiden Zach Thomas	14-Sep
Praveen Varghese Philip		Arun T. Benni	
Sheena Ann Varghese		Jims P. Varghese	
Joseph Chandy	7-Sep	Preethy Philip	
Sanjna John		Abraham K. John	
Sanjay Philip		Issac Chacko Philip	
Mathew Varghese		Libi Abraham	
		Ajay Jacob Sam	



SEPTEMBER 2024 BIRTHDAYS (CONTD)



George M. Abraham		Suja T. Keerikattu	23-Sep
George John		Nicole Stephen	
Jibin Philip		Suja Cherian	
Thomas K Varughese		Ancy John	
Saramma Shaji	15-Sep	Thompson Jacob	
Kiara Philip		Angelynn Reni Kavalayil	
Annette A. Varghese		Zayne Joseph Thadikkal	
Dr.Reji John	16-Sep	Liju James	24-Sep
Rev. Jaison A Thomas		Jacob Kunnumpurath	
Lejoy V. Mathew	17-Sep	Silas Mathew Jacob	25-Sep
Eype P. Thomas		Somy Samuel	
Oommen K. Mathew	18-Sep	Thomas Daniel	
Ryan John		Sunil Mathew Zachariah	
Joshua Matthew Jacob		Ginu Varghese	
Mattson Thomas		Nirmal Mathew, Koruthu	
Nikka Elizabeth John	19-Sep	Ammini Abraham	26-Sep
Arlene Ann Thomas		Annamma Thomas	
Levi Jerome Eapen	20-Sep	Aleyamma Idiculla	27-Sep
Sherly Thomas		Emma Elizabeth Abraham	
George Mathew		Susamma George	
Dr. George Mammen	21-Sep	Caleb Ambalavelil Thomas	28-Sep
Levi Samuel		Liju John Thomas	
Michael Brian Samuel	22-Sep	Dr. Laji James	29-Sep
Ryan M. Varghese		Ajith Jacob	
Sunu A. Mathew		Jimmy George	
Ryan C. Roy		Alexander Ajo Thomas	
Brinda Grace Varghese		Asher Lino Samuel	30-Sep
Bobby Mathew		Jane Chacko	
Siju Varghese		Mariamamma Thomas	
Emil Ann George		Anugraha Elsa Johnson	
Eric Philip George		Ayaan Sunil Zachariah	
Dan M. Sanil		Joel C. John	
		Seina Mary Saji	
		Melvin K Philip	
		Koshy Thekethundiyil	
		Jennifer S. George	
		Dr. Abraham Chacko Jr	
		Ethen George Shetty	
		Annie Varghese	
		Liya Joby	
		Lino Samuel	
		Siby P. Mathew	
		Shane S. Mathew	
		Sharon E. Jacob	
		Annie Ponna Thomas	