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Immanuel Mar Thoma Church

Houston, TX



FEBRUARY 2025

NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2025

Feb. 02	Medical Mission Sunday; Jesus who gives complete healing		
8:00 AM	English HQ assisted by Horeb Area prayer Group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	2 King 20: 1-11 Heb. 9: 11-14 James. 5:13-18 Mark 5:25-34
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Jerusalem Area Prayer Group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	2 King 20: 1-11 Heb. 9: 11-14 James. 5:13-18 Mark 5:25-34
Feb. 09	God's Sublime Creation		
8:00 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 40: 12-26 Rom. 8:19-25 Col. 1:15-20 Matt 6:26-30
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Salem Area Prayer Group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 40: 12-26 Rom. 8:19-25 Col. 1:15-20 Matt 6:26-30
Feb. 16	Abundant life through the experience of the Kingdom of God		
10:30 AM	English HQ assisted by Sehion Area Prayer Group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 11: 1-9 Eph. 3:16-21 1 Cor. 1:4-9 John 4:4-15
Feb. 20	Thursday Holy Qurbana		
10:00 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion		
Feb. 23	Reorganization of life to experience the Kingdom of God		
9:00 AM	English HQ assisted by Sharon area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Ezek. 36: 24-31 Eph. 4: 17- 24 1 Pet. 2:1-10 Luke 19:1-10
Mar. 02	Beginning of the Great Lent: Jesus who transforms everything.		
8:00 AM	English HQ assisted by Sinai Area prayer Group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Deut. 30: 1-10 Rev. 21: 1-8 Rom. 12:1-3 John 2:1-11
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Tabor area Prayer Group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Deut. 30: 1-10 Rev. 21: 1-8 Rom. 12:1-3 John 2:1-11

Our Turn to Say Thanks...

On behalf of the 2024 office bearers and executive committee members , I express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the parishioners for your continued support and cooperation during the year. We humbly believe that we have served the parish faithfully, with a keen sense of duty and responsibility. On a personal note, it was indeed a great privilege and an honor for me to serve as the Secretary of this great parish. I am humbled by your faith and trust in me. Together, with the grace of God, we could accomplish many things of key significance to the future of the church. This opportunity has given me new insights and perspectives into life itself. I owe a great debt of gratitude to all.

May God bless us as a parish.....Secretary, P.M. Jacob

NEWBORN

Baby girl Eden James Eapen was born to Mr. Joel Eapen and Ravena on January 17th. Congratulation to the proud parents and Grand-parents Mr. & Mrs. James K. Eapen



CONDOLENCES

Mr. Chacko Kalathoor, 80 years old, uncle of Mr. Varghese Kalathoor (ID # 322), Mr. Zacharia Kalathoor (ID # 373), Mr. Bobby Kalathoor (ID # 116), and Mr. Benny Kalathoor (ID # 395) was called to eternal rest in Edmonton, Canada.

Mr. Tibin Paul Mathew, 40 years old, nephew of Mr. Raju Karikottu (ID# 144) of the Sharon area prayer group, and grand nephew of Mrs. Kunjamma Abraham (ID # 106) and Mr. Oommen K. Mathew (ID # 110) was called to eternal rest in Thalavady, 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.

2024 Executive Committee		
OFFICE BEARERS		
Vicar	Rev. Joseph John	713.330.5299
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Ebenezer	Mr. Jacob Kunumpurathu	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 Thypampil	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
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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	832.868.5465
Auditor	Mr. Aji Daniel	214.995.4232

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

These days, Gospel conventions are being held across various dioceses of our Church, and we eagerly anticipate the 130th Maramon Convention, set to commence on February 9th. While distance may prevent us from attending these gatherings in person, the availability of online transmissions provides us with the opportunity to listen to the Gospel messages being preached. Let us pray for God's blessings upon these Gospel meetings.

Amid these conventions, certain crucial questions emerge: How do we engage with the reading, meditation, and preaching of the Word of God? Do we intentionally set aside time for personal reading and meditation of Scripture? Do we make use of available tools and resources to deepen our understanding of the biblical text? More importantly, do we seek to integrate the message of the Bible into our daily lives, or do we merely regard it as a religious classic to be revered from a distance?

We must remember that the Bible is indispensable in leading us into a new relationship with the living God through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. It enables us to understand ourselves more meaningfully and to build deeper relationships with others. However, in this modern era of digitalization and excessive virtual engagement, our ability to spend quality time with the Word of God is often challenged. Yet, nothing can substitute our personal and collective engagement with Scripture. The time we devote to the Bible paves the way for healing and transformation in our lives and strengthens us for our common journey of faith and public witness. Only through a sincere and disciplined engagement with the Word of God can the Church nurture true disciples. These disciples not only experience personal renewal but also actively participate in God's transformative mission in the world.

Give us knowledge and discernment of your divine Word. Fill us with the truth of your Holy Gospel, the riches of your wisdom, and the gift of your Spirit. Enable us to gladly obey your commands and perfectly fulfill your holy will.

Prayerful Regards

Rev. Joseph John

JUBILEE PROJECT UPDATE

Construction activities were slightly delayed this month due to weather delays. Exterior work for the gymnasium is now scheduled to be completed by the first week of February. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work near completion in the gymnasium as well as framing for the interior walls and doors. Exterior brick work for the Jubilee Hall extension has started and should also be completed by the end of February. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work has also commenced in this building.

Please continue to support the project financially if you have not done so and keep the project in your prayers. .

Donor Tree: Any family who has paid a total contribution of \$15,000 towards the jubilee Project is eligible for this recognition. \$15,000 will include your room sponsorships and legacy brick donations. The cutoff date for this is February 28, 2025.

Welcome to the IMTC Mobile App

We are excited to announce the launch of our new mobile app. Follow the steps below to **Download and Access the app:**

Step 1: Download the IMTC Mobile App (Blue)

Choose the link for your device:

Download for Android; Download for iOS

You can also download the app from the footer section of our website.

Step 2: Sign Up

Follow these steps to register as a new user:

Click the Register button in the app menu, Fill in the required details:

Username: A simple username and something you can remember, eg.

JohnFDoe (maximum of 8 to 10 characters)

Password: your choice and something you can remember

Email: Your personal email (used for password reset)

Member ID: As listed in the church directory

Phone: Your contact number

Agree to the Master Service Agreement.

You will receive an email from our support team for the approval.

Step 3: Login

Once approved, use your username and password to log in to the app.

Step 4: Please verify your name and details in the Parish Directory

Step 5: Please test for other features in the app (Events , Lectionary, Vicar Message , Organization, Executive Committee , Home)

Launch date will soon be announced as soon as testing is completed.

If any of your family information is incorrect, contact Mr. Abraham Kurien (832.623.2330) or Mr. Thomas C. Cheriyan (914.527.2457).

12th SWR MTVEA, SEVIKA SANGHOM, SR.FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

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Mar Thoma
Syrian Church

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SENIOR CITIZEN FELLOWSHIP
XII SOUTH WEST
REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Theme
Faith in Renewal and Motion – F.I.R.M
"Faith without deeds is dead."
(James 2:17)

South West Regional Conference

Date:
March 21st, Friday @ 4:00 PM to
March 22nd, Saturday @ 2:00 PM

Venue
Trinity Mar Thoma Church
5810 Alameda Genoa Rd
Houston, TX 77048

MESSAGE

We are very happy to announce that the 12th South West Regional Conference, jointly organized by MTVEA Sevika Sanghom and Senior Citizen Fellowship, will be hosted by the Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston. The conference will be on 2025 March 21st 4:00 PM to March 22nd 2:00 PM. This conference is a time for our members to come together and have a blessed fellowship. Rev. Alex Yohannan (Mar Thoma Church of Dallas Farmers Branch) and Rev. James K. John (Immanuel MTC, Lubbock and San Antonio MTC) are the keynote speakers. The registration fee is \$40 per person and the last date for registration is March 9th, 2025. The theme for this year is "F.I.R.M. Faith in Renewal and Motion." Faith without deeds is dead - James 2:17. Faith is not passive; it is a calling to actively follow Jesus and live out His mission and life. We kindly invite all members of MTVEA, Sevika Sanghom and Senior Citizen Fellowship to attend the conference prayerfully.

Thank you,
In Christ's Ministry,
Rev. Sam K. Easow
Conference President
Rev. Jeevan John
Conference Vice President
Mr. Abraham Idiculla
General Convener

CONFERENCE OFFICE BEARERS

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Vice President: Rev. Jeevan John (713-408-7394)
General convener: Mr. Abraham Idiculla
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Registration- Mrs. Susan Jose (Sheeja)
Cell: 281-777-9481

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.

ONE CALL NOW

Apart from announcements during service and newsletters, we use **One Call Now** communication platform to disseminate key information regarding church service and other activities. If you are not receiving regular emails or voice calls from parish, please contact the parish secretary.

ZELLE PAYMENTS

Email address for the transaction is:

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FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Kevin Mathew Thomas & Sherry Joshy	1-Feb
Mathew Cherian & Smitha Saira Mathew	1-Feb
Bivin Varghese George & Genu Elizabeth Zachariah	2-Feb
Binu Benneykutty & Jerin Joy	4-Feb
Koshy P. Mathew & Ramani Mathew	5-Feb
Jacob K Chacko & Annie Jacob	6-Feb
Jose P. George & Mariamma George	8-Feb
Thomas Stephen & Shiney SusanThomas	8-Feb
Jijo Philip Varughese & Shiji Kuruvilla	8-Feb
George Mathew & Geena M. George	9-Feb
Biju T. Mathew & Susan Mathew	9-Feb
Samuel M. Varghese & Sosamma Samuel	10-Feb
Abraham Mathew & Anitha Mathew	11-Feb
Shaji Samuel & Ruby Varghese	11-Feb
Robin Tristan Mathew & Jincy Thankan Cherian	11-Feb
Shiju Kuruvilla & Smilo Kuruvilla	11-Feb
Dr. Jacob Manoor Thomas & Sara Thomas	14-Feb
Varghis George & Sheela George	15-Feb
Chacko Thottiyil & Sosamma Chacko	16-Feb
Ninan Philip Kalloor & Bindhu Samuel	16-Feb
Thoongupla Varghese John & Mariama John	17-Feb
Abey V. Kunjumon & Purva Vinay Panchal	18-Feb
Monachan Thomas & Marykutty M. Thomas	18-Feb
Thomas Abraham Pullattu & Gracy Thomas	18-Feb
Kurien T. Idiculla & Aleyamma Idiculla	19-Feb
Mathew P. Easow & Sindhu P. Mathew	20-Feb
Thomas Mathew & Susan Samuel	20-Feb
Mathew P Mathai & Mariamma Philip	20-Feb
Dr. Cherry Mathew & Dr. Lila Cherry	23-Feb
Varghis G. Kattappuram & Susan V. Kattappuram	23-Feb
Georgi Kuruvilla & Annie Kuruvilla	25-Feb
Raju M. Karikottu & Elizabeth Raju	26-Feb

ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School	9:30 am: Sunday school
Senior Fellowship	Feb. 01: Monthly Prayer Meeting @ 10:00 am Feb. 13: Pakalveedu Fellowship @ 10:00 am Feb. 20: HQ in Malayalam @ 10:00 am
CFF	Feb 28: Prayer Meeting @ 7:00 pm

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

AREA PRAYER GROUPS

Sinai area monthly prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Saturday, February 1st, at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Aju Abraham John (ID # 455). Their address is: 6707 Hawkins St., Manvel, Tx 77578. Area representative to the Executive Committee will be elected during this meeting.

Hebron area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday, February 9th, at 7:00 pm at the residence of Dr. Jereesh John (ID # 700). Their address is: 8634 Two Sisters Ct., Missouri City, TX 77459.

Bethel area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday, February 9th, at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Thomas Varughese (ID # 690). Their address is: 3519 Lake Landing La., Missouri city, TX 77459.

Jerusalem area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Saturday, February 15th, at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Shaiji Jacob (ID # 659). Address: 20310 Port Bishop Ln., Richmond, TX 77406.

Sehion area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday, February 16th, at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Ninan Kalloor (ID # 509). Their address is: 4642 Rockton Hills Ln., Sugarland, TX 77479.

Hebron area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Friday, February 21st at 7:00 pm at the residence of Mrs. Anna Baby (ID # 398). Their address is: 5819 Buffalo Gap., Missouri City, TX 77459.

Carmel area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday, February 23rd, at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Koshy P. Mathew (ID # 148). Address is: 4526 Ring Ross, Missouri City, TX 77459.

Ebenezer area prayer meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 23rd, at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Jacob Kunumpurath (ID # 161). Address: 1503 Meadow glade Ct., Sugarland, TX 77479. Area representative to the Executive Committee will be elected during this meeting.



FEBRUARY 2025 BIRTHDAYS



Ammini George	1-Feb	Shanon Sarene Mathew	8-Feb
Evan Thankachan Luke		Anu Shibu	
Nathan Varghese		Reena M. Varghese	
Annie Koruthu		Anikutty John	9-Feb
Caleb David Kurien		Leena Daniel	
John P Abraham	2-Feb	Grace Ann Jacob	10-Feb
C.P. Mathews		Julie Mathew	
Abraham Mathew		Manoj S. Raju	
M. John Thomas		Julie Reggy Varghese	11-Feb
Jobin M. Jose		Richard Philip	
Aleyamma Kurian	3-Feb	Nyla Rose Mathew	
George Joseph		Sherly Mariam Mathew	12-Feb
Annas M. Varughese		Jocelyn Ann Thomas	
Rachel Emily George		Kunjamma Abraham	
Dhanya Mariam Koruthu		Joseph John	13-Feb
Asha Roy	4-Feb	Lata Mathews	
Sheryll Mathew		Ani Joji	
Nathaniel Josiah John		Sarah Leethi Cherian	14-Feb
Shane Bobby Kalathoor		Titus Eapen	
Brian Binoy	5-Feb	Divina Ann Mathew	
Ethan Daniel Cherian		Vinod Thomas	15-Feb
Saro Kurian Thomas		Samuel C. Mathew	
Sam Abraham		Terrin Varghese	
Julia Varghese	6-Feb	Lally George	16-Feb
Dr. Sheila Mary Thomas		Job Kandathiel Joji	
Diana Varghese		Binu Alexander	
Steve K. Joshy	7-Feb	Jamy Abraham	17-Feb
Mariamamma Oommen		Varghese Zachariah	
Dinu Joseph		Kuruvilla John	
Jini Varghese Koshy		Neva Angie Kuruvilla	18-Feb
Susan Rachel Varghese		Alex Varghese	
Noel J. Varkey	8-Feb	Ben Sebastain Varghese	
Sosamma Chacko		Robin M. Thomas	19-Feb
Abriel R. Johnson		Christian Joseph Ninan	
		Grace Elizabeth Abraham	
		Thomas Philip Abraham	



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Mathew Daniel	15-Feb	Nisha Joseph	21-Feb
Shawn T. Jacob		Sharon Ann Abraham	
Mariamamma John		Neha Merlin Kuruvilla	
Abel R. Eapen		Abraham Kurien	
Roni Regi		Jamie S. Thomas	
Bobby Kalathoor	16-Feb	Kevin Mathew Thomas	22-Feb
Molykutty Thomas		Sandra Varghese	
Jayson John		Betsy Varghese	
Gaurav George Varghese		Selin Chandy	
Bettina Manoj Raju		Cherian P. Mathew	
Gracy Mathai	17-Feb	Praise Reggy Varghese	23-Feb
Amminiamma George		Ann Reshma Abraham	
Emmy Chacko		Julia S. George	
Tissy Mary Itty		Jacob John	
Aleena Varghese		Sheeba Pappachen	
Paul Thomas Varghese	18-Feb	Justin K. Varghese	24-Feb
Aleyamma John Kalathoor		Riyah Mary Abraham	
Sheeja Thomas		Ethan Sajan	
Mariamamma K. Samuel		Lida Susan Abraham	
Daniel Kallathoor		Ani Johnson	
Seth Matthew Kurien	19-Feb	Ramani Mathew	25-Feb
Teia Mary Samuel		George C. Thomas	
Rimla Anna Paul		Grace Archibold	
Nikhil George		Joseph Nikhil Samuel	
Sam Thomas		Aju Kurien John	
Thomas V. Mathew	20-Feb	Elaine Susanna Thayil	26-Feb
Rajiv N Jacob		Sibil Thomas	
Rianna Samantha George		Rebecca Raju	
Jose P Abraham		Susamma John	
		Reena Mammen	
	21-Feb	Binu George	27-Feb
		Julin Thomas	