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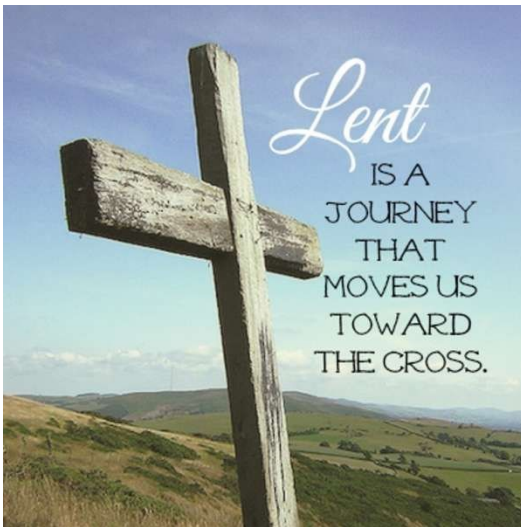
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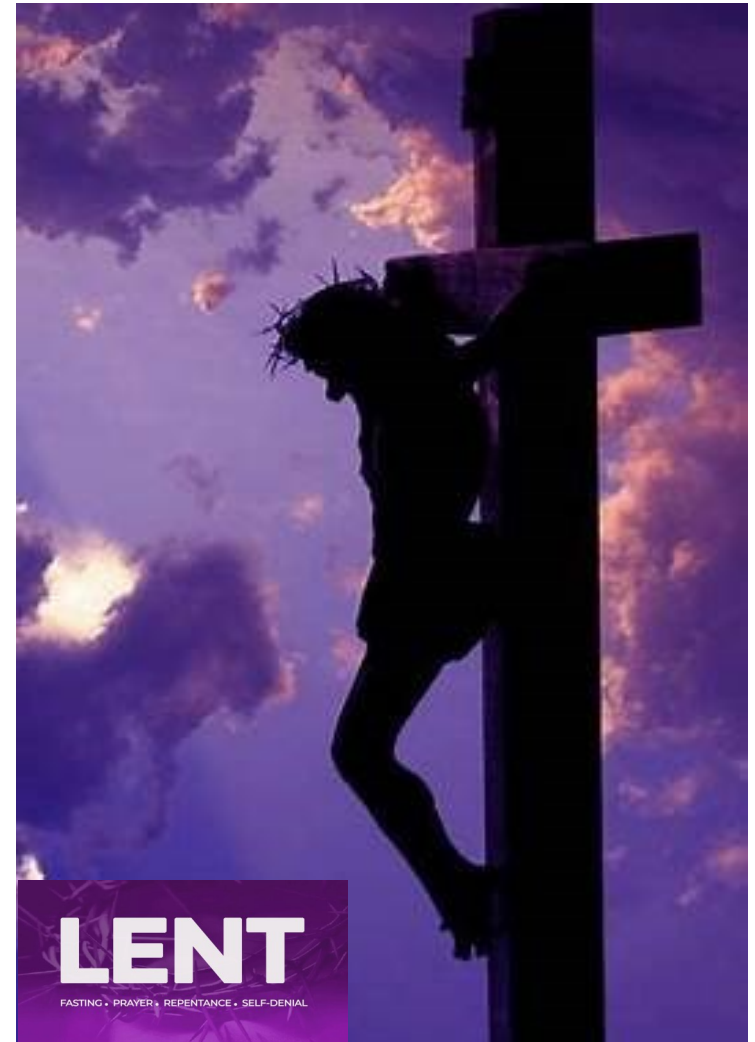


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Immanuel Mar Thoma Church

Houston, TX



MARCH 2025

NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE MARCH 2025

Mar. 02	Diocesan Sunday: 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
Mar. 09	Jesus Christ who holds together the Neglected		
8:00 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Jer. 33: 6-11 Phile. 8-21 James. 4:7-10 Matt 1:40-45
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Bethel Area Prayer Group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Jer. 33: 6-11 Phile. 8:21 James. 4:7-10 Matt 1:40-45
Mar. 15	Metropolitan's Visit		
6:00 PM	English Holy Communion		
Mar. 16	Jesus Christ who gives Healing and Redemption from Sin		
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Bethlehem Area Prayer Group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	2 King 5: 1-14 Acts 16:16-18 Rom. 5:6-11 Mark 2:1-12
Mar. 20	Thursday Holy Qurbana		
10:00 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion		
Mar. 23	Jesus Christ who Redemption possible for everyone		
8:00 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by CFF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Hos. 2: 14-23 Acts 5: 12-16 1 Cor. 1:18-25 Matt 15:21-28
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Carmel Area Prayer Group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Hos. 2: 14-23 Acts 5: 12-16 1 Cor. 1:16-25 Matt 15:21-28
Mar. 30	Jesus Christ who grants the fullness of Humanity.		
10:30 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 66: 12-15 Rom. 3: 23-31 1 Pet. 1:18-25 Luke 13:10-17

Our New Asst. Vicar



Rev. John Wilson

Jolly Kochamma

Jazzlyn Elna Wilson

Jerlyn Denny Wilson

NEWBORN

A baby boy Ezekiel Canon John was born to Mr. Jayson John & Sowmya (ID # 177) on February 12th. Congratulation to the proud parents and Grand-parents Mr. & Mrs, John Chacko.

Elias Mathew Luke was born to Sibin and Amy Luke (ID # 217) on January 24th. Congratulation to the proud parents and Grand-parent Mrs. Annamma Lukose.

LENT

""Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves...What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit?

Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

Catherine Doherty

2025 Executive Committee		
OFFICE BEARERS		
Vicar	Rev. Joseph John	713.330.5299
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Sharon	Ms. Elizabeth Benni	832.462.9383
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Youth Fellowship	Mr. Daniel Kalathoor	281.967.0607
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mrs. Ancy Samuel	832.983.3705
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Diocesan Assembly	Mr. Siju Philip	516.503.5589
Sabha Mandalam	Mr. M.G. Mathew	281.857.3088
OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS		
IMC Administrator Scheduler	Mr. John Varghese	832.938.8664
IMC Facility Manager	Mr. Santhosh K. Cheriyan	724.732.5314
IMC Facility Manager	Mr. Thomas P. John	832.274.8020
Technology Director	Mr. Abraham Kurien	832.623.2330
AUDITORS		
Auditor	Mr. Joseph James	281.431.4059
Auditor	Mr. Aji Daniel	214.995.4232

MESSAGE FROM THE ASST. VICAR



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As I come to the close of my tenure as the Assistant Vicar of this Parish, my heart is filled with emotions of gratitude, love, and thanks. These years have been a time of immense blessings, spiritual growth, and cherished fellowship. So, saying goodbye is never easy.

I want to express my deepest thanks to Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese Achen and family, Rev. Joseph John Achen and family, office bearers, executive committee members, and every dear member of this parish. Your unwavering love, support, and prayers have been a source of strength and encouragement in my pastoral journey here. More than a congregation, you have been my family in faith, walking alongside me in both joys and challenges. Each moment shared in worship, prayer, and ministry will remain close to my heart. Your kindness and commitment to the church have truly inspired me, and I feel humbled to have served among such a wonderful community.

Let us continue to live as witnesses of Christ where we have been planted. Christian life is not just about religious practices but reflecting the love, grace, and compassion of Christ in our daily lives. Let us remain steadfast in faith, seeking God's guidance in every step, and being a light to the world through our words and actions.

As we enter the season of Great Lent, let us use this time for self-examination, repentance, and spiritual renewal. Lent reminds us of Christ's sacrifice and His call for us to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. May this season inspire us to deepen our relationship with God and prepare our hearts to experience the power of the resurrection. May God continue to bless you all abundantly. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as I enter another chapter in my ministry. We will continue to keep each one of you in our prayers.

With gratitude and blessings,
Rev. Santhosh Thomas, Asst. Vicar

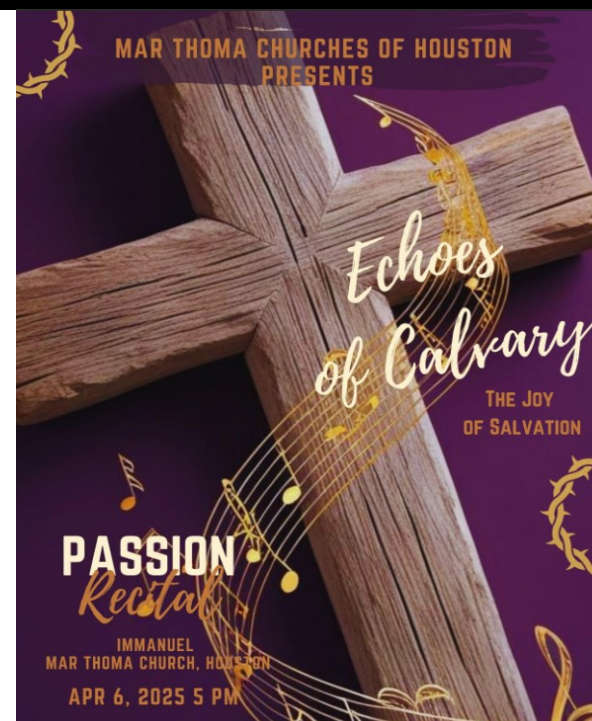
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LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE

Date (Day)	NAME & PHONE	ADDRESS	CHURCH ID	PRAYER GROUP
March 04 (Tuesday)	Rev. Joseph John	10212 Fountain Gate Dr, Stafford, TX, 77477	99	BETHLEHEM
March 05 (Wednesday)	Rev. Santhosh Thomas	6842 Bears Path Lane Missouri City, TX, 77459	100	BETHEL
March 06 (Thursday)	Ponnamma George 281 980 3864	3406 Cannon Pass Ct, Sugar Land, TX 77478	219	CARMEL
March 07 (Friday)	John Jesson 469-544-6510	17418 Waegack Dr. Richmond, TX 77407	518	JERUSALEM
March 11 (Tuesday)	Saji Pappachan 518-954-5998	2715 San Bernard Dr Fresno, TX, 77545	657	HEBRON
March 12, (Wednesday)	Abraham Philip 832-878-8485	3518 Oyster Cove Dr Missouri City, 77459	155	BETHEL
March 13 (Thursday)	Jeffrin C Varghese 346 888 7189	5838 Lavaca Ln Manvel, TX 77578	637	SINAI
March 14 (Friday)	Vinu Jacob Mathew 713-922- 0785	6106 Stonebury Ct Sugar Land, TX 77479	256	HOREB
March 18, (Tuesday)	Mathew Philip 281-778-1439	5818 Emmitt Creek Ln Sugarland, TX 77479	470	SEHION
March 19 (Wednesday)	K.K. John 713-408-0865	907 Piedmont St. Sugarland, TX 77478	113	CARMEL
March 20 (Thursday)	Anil Jacob John 281 635 5839	7334 Love Creek Missouri City, TX, 77459	577	HEBRON
March 21 (Friday)	REGIONAL CONFERENCE, TRINITY MTC			
March 25 (Tuesday)	Joji Itty 281 716 0350	5555 Twin Rivers Ln Sugar Land, TX, 77479	454	BETHEL
March 26 (Wednesday)	Shaji Jacob 832 580 4141	3951 May Ridge Ln Sugar Land, TX, 77479	495	BETHEL
March 27 (Thursday)	Koshy Mathew 281 499 6346	4526 Ring Rose, Missouri City, TX, 77459	148	CARMEL
March 28 (Friday)	Philip Mathew 682 246 1255	2005 Rock Prairie Ct Pearland TX, 77581	612	SINAI
April 01 (Tuesday)	Prasanth & Susmy 713 923 0778	2607 Seabold Dr Missouri City, TX, 77459	429	HEBRON
April 02 (Wednesday)	Varghese R. Mathew 832-630-0748	310 S.Esplanade Ln. Stafford, TX 77477	647	Bethlehem
April 03 (Thursday)	Thomas Abraham 713 835 8899	5706 Buffalo Gap Missouri City, 77459	385	HEBRON
April 04 (Friday)	Sabu Podiyan 228 249 3904	13412 Ravens Park Ln Pearland, TX, 77584	549	SINAI

LENT PRAYER WILL BE AT THE CHURCH ON SATURDAYS
NO LENT PRAYER MEETINGS ON SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS.

PASSION RECITAL



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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MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Gijo P. Abraham & Beena Abraham	11-Mar
Dr. Sheebu Chacko & Dr. Anju Chacko	15-Mar
Lino Samuel & Sheba A. Mathew	15-Mar
Isaac Easow & Jeesa Saraa Isaac	21-Mar
Ranjith J. John & Paola Raquel Luna	25-Mar
Jomon Kurian Thomas & Saro Kurian Thomas	31-Mar

LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE

30 BIBLE VERSES *about* LENT

1 PETER 5:6	JOB 42:5-6
MATTHEW 6:16-18	2 CORINTHIANS 12:9
JOEL 2:12-14	ISAIAH 43:25
ECCLESIASTES 3:20	JEREMIAH 29:11
ISAIAH 1:18	EZEKIEL 9:4
ZEPHANIAH 3:17	JOHN 15:4
GENESIS 3:19	PSALM 73:26
ISAIAH 58:6	MATTHEW 6:21
MARK 1:13	GENESIS 2:7
HOSEA 12:6	JOHN 10:18
LUKE 5:31-32	JOEL 2:1
JOHN 10:10	1 TIMOTHY 4:1-5
MATTHEW 4:1-25	LAMENTATIONS 3:25
PSALM 42:2	JOHN 16:33
ISAIAH 30:18	JEREMIAH 29:12

JUBILEE PROJECT UPDATE

Construction activities were impacted by weather issues in February. All exterior work will be completed by the second week of March. Interior electrical and plumbing rough-in has completed both in the gymnasium and the facilities extension. Majority of the sheetrock and drywall work has been completed with the next focus being on finishes and flooring.

Construction activities are expected to be completed by the beginning of April. Please continue to support the project financially if you have not done so and keep the project in your prayers.

ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School	9:30 am: Sunday school
Senior Fellowship	March 13: Pakalveedu Fellowship @ 10:00 am March 20: HQ in Malayalam @ 10:00 am

METROPOLITAN'S VISIT

The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan will be visiting our parish on March 15, 2025 & celebrating Holy Qurbana in English @ 6 pm.

Remaining Schedule for Sunday School

Diocesan Exam Registration Due (Grade 5-10)	March 9th
Story Telling Competition (K-4)	March 30th
Elocution Competition (5-12)	March 30th
IMC Sunday School Field Trip - Houston Zoo	April 12th
Memory Verse Competition (K-4th)	May 4th
Quiz Competition (5-12th)	May 4th
Diocesan Exam	May 11th
Sunday School Final Exam	May 18th
Sunday School Final Exam - Makeup	May 25th
Singing Competition (K-12) - During SS	May 25th
VBS	July 11-12
SW Regional SS Competition	August 2nd

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

AREA PRAYER GROUPS	<p>Hebron area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday, March 30th, at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Varughese Thomas (ID # 443). Their address is: 5519 Havelock Lane, Missouri city, TX 77459.</p> <p>Sehion area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday, March 30th, at 6:30 pm at the residence of Dr. Sheebu Chacko (ID # 480). Address: 4543 Royal Bend Ln., Sugarland, TX 77479.</p>
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CONDOLENCES

Mr. Samuel Mathew, 73 years old, father of Mrs. Joyce John (ID # 599) of the Bethel area prayer group, was taken to his heavenly abode in Houston, Tx.

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



MARCH 2025 BIRTHDAYS



Shibu A. Abraham	1-Mar	Sarah Thomas	8-Mar
Koshy Philipkutty		Sneha Saji	
Aleyamma Abraham		Anitha Mathew	
Neethu Mary Mathew		Renimol George	
Bindu Georgekutty		Ruben Vilu Varghese	
Rachel Thomas		Annamma John	
Arun Koshy		Alitta Mary George	
Anitha Philip	2-Mar	Koshy Abraham	9-Mar
Dennis Mathew		Ashish J. Thomas	
Thomas Cheriyan		Dr. Susy Varghese	
Roshan Pappachen		Binila Annie Baby	
Ezra Punnoose Abraham		Angelyn Mariam Jobin	
Mary A. Samuel		Sherine P. Mercily	
Beena Toji Samuel		Tina V. Philip	
Isabella S Chacko	3-Mar	Priya Ann Chacko	10-Mar
Jolly Mammen		Alan Mathew	
Ajini John		Satish Philip	
Shiloh M. Mathew	4-Mar	Preethy Chankurethu Abra-	
Luke Abraham Varghese		Sheena Zachariah	
Donna Varkey		Jayden Jubin Jacob	
Jeffery James Eapen		Selvy Ann Thomas	
Jubin Geo Mathew		Jonah Bobby Thomas	
Renee Elizabeth Karikottu		Vidya E. George	
Sibi Varghese Chacko		Teena Thomas	
Rohit V. Roy	5-Mar	Dr. Florine Abraham	11-Mar
Serena Mammen		Elizabeth Rachel Karikottu	
Abraham V. Komattu		Johan Eason Samuel	
Mariamamma J. Kurien	5-Mar	Rayna Mary Cherian	12-Mar
Melisa Anna Philip		Dr. Shiney Koshy	
Joshua Mathew George		Thomas Mathew	
Reshma M. Varghese	6-Mar	Sarah Philip Kalathoor	13-Mar
Dr. Anil T. Mathew		Omana Abraham	
Syrus Chacko		Abraham M.A.	
Smitha Jacob	7-Mar	Hanok Shiju	15-Mar
Mary Mathew		Thomas. P.A	
Alyssa Sara George		Allen John Mannil	
Thomas K. Puthenmadathil		Dennis V. Varghese	
M. A. Varughese		Soumya Sara Jeffrin	
M. G. Philip		Joseph P. Varghese	
Grace Marrie Daniel		David Philip	
Simi M. John	7-Mar	Meera Rose Alexander	
Emma Deena George		Mini Eapen	
		Liziyamma G. Varghese	



MARCH 2025 BIRTHDAYS



Ajay Thomas	16-Mar	Valsa Mathai	24-Mar
Agith V. Mathew		Anju G. John	
Dr. Sherwin B. Oommen		Samuel Mathew Koshy	
Nina Pappy Nelson		Siju Mathew	
Derick Reji Kurian	17-Mar	Moncey Alexander	25-Mar
Shawn Sam Mathew		Sosamma George	
Kevin M. John		Thankamma Kurien	
Dr. Sunil V. Cherry		Rengith R. Karikottu	
Allen G John		Reuben Saji Pappachan	
Santhosh K. Cherian		Sajini Reji	
Abraham Mathew		Luka Mathew George	
Abraham Samuel	18-Mar	Anoop Abraham	26-Mar
Mason Varughese		Saji G. Philip	
Abi Philip		Dr. Rony Ninan	
Julia Mariam Samuel	19-Mar	Jim Thomas	
Denny George		Sunil Abraham	
Ida Ann Varghese	20-Mar	Vinod Abraham	
Daniel Philip Chacko		Bhasilal Mathai	
Aakash John		Reji K. Varughese	
Serena Siby		Aiden Cherian	
Sheetal Saji	21-Mar	Noel Stephen Thomas	28-Mar
Mathew Jacob		Aney K. John	
Abu P. Abraham		Mariakutty Samuel	29-Mar
Joseph Thomas T. Mathai		Elaine Sajan	
Xavier Cherian Thomas		Genelia Santhosh	
Reena Roy	22-Mar	Asher Luke Abraham	
Aby Joy		Jaison George	30-Mar
Josephine Samuel		Noah Joseph Thomas	
Danyal V. Varghese	23-Mar	Prize Thankachen	
Abigail Alice Green		Aarush Aju John	31-Mar
Dayana M. Sunny		Jonathan Jacob	
Alyssa Anna Cheriyan		Geena M. George	
Susan George		Kuruvillea Chandy	
Nikita M. Varughese	23-Mar	Preven C. Jacob	
George Mathew		Aaron Aby George	
Varghese Philip		Shiney J. Eapen	
Nikhil D. Thomas		Cherian Daniel	
Jake John		Sahaya Selim Sabin	
Alvin Eason Samuel		David Verghese	