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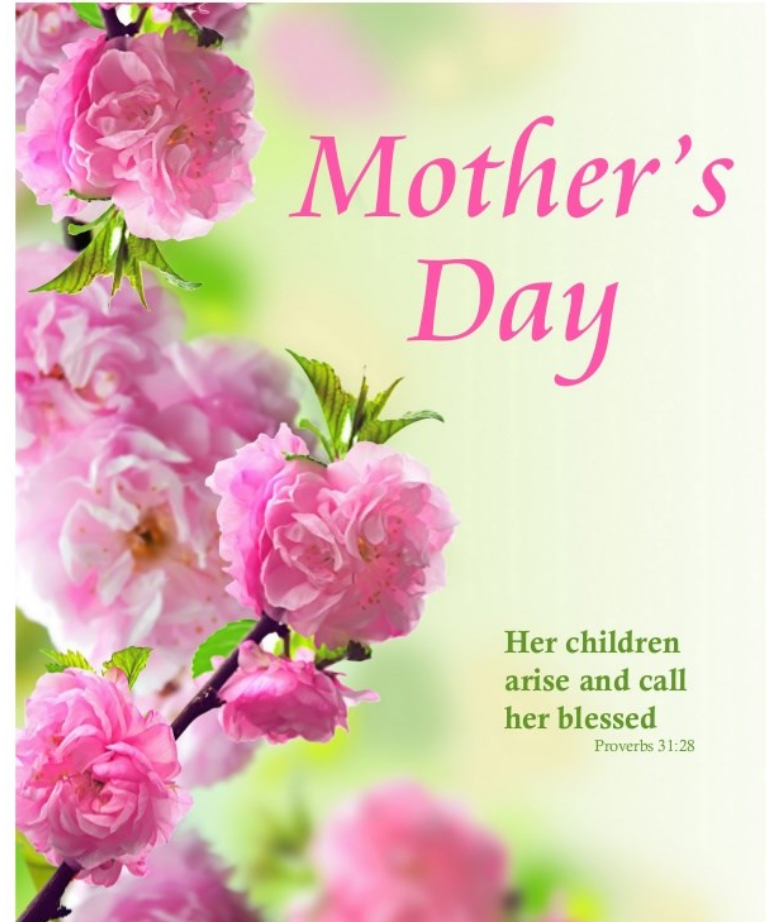
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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE MAY 2024

May 05 Remember the Poor			
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Ebenezer area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Lev. 19: 9-16 Gal. 2: 1-10 2 Cor 8: 1-9 Matt 25: 31-40
May 12 Holy Spirit-one among the Trinity			
8:00 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Eze. 37: 1-14 Acts. 1: 6-11 Gal. 5:16-26 John 14:14-21
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Hebron area Prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Eze. 37: 1-14 Acts. 1: 6-11 Gal. 5:16-26 John 14:14-21
May 19 Feast of Pentecost			
10:30 AM	English HQ assisted by Horeb area prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Joel 2: 28-32 Acts 2:1-13 1 Cor. 12:1-11 John 16:1-15
May 26 Trinity Sunday; Sing to the Lord			
8:00 AM	G3 CFF & English HQ assisted by CFF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Exo. 19:17-25 Gal. 4: 1-7 2 Cor 13:11-14 Matt 28:16-20
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Jerusalem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Exo. 19:17-25 Gal. 4: 1-7 2 Cor 13:11-14 Matt 28:16-20
June 02 Education that leads to Wisdom			
8:00 AM	English HQ assisted by Salem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	1 King 3: 3-14 Jame 3: 13-18 Eph 5: 9-17 Matt 7: 21-27
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Sehion area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	1 King 3: 3-14 Jame 3: 13-18 Eph 5: 9-17 Matt 7: 21-27

Host your events at Immanuel Center



**ENGAGEMENT.
GRADUATION.
BIRTHDAYS.
ALL SPECIAL OCCASIONS.**

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IMTC Center from \$1000
Fellowship hall from \$350

SETUP \$ CLEANING FEE EXTRA



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management team

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832 938 8664
832 656 1836



It's time for VBS!

IMTC VBS will be on June 28-30th

Register Here:



A SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE WITH GOD

**IMTC
VBS**





Dearly beloved in Christ,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we know our dear Eappen achen, Neena Kochamma, Rebecca, Efreem and George are getting ready to move to India. Eappen achen and family has been a significant presence in our church community, demonstrating unwavering dedication throughout their tenure. His dedication has been evident in serving our Parish with care and diligence. His leadership qualities have not only guided our community but have also inspired many of us to deepen our faith and connection with God. Eappen achen's wisdom and spiritual guidance have left a lasting impact on our lives. Through his teachings and pastoral care, he has touched the hearts of individuals and families, providing comfort, direction, and encouragement during both joyful and challenging times. Although, achen is going into a new ministerial journey, his legacy within our church will continue to resonate. We hold deep appreciation for his contributions and the positive influence he has had on our spiritual growth and sense of community.

God gave us an opportunity to work together with Eappen achen and family. I and my family enjoyed it a lot. Achen, we acknowledge the significance of your service and the profound ways in which you have enriched our family. Thank you achen and family for your love, care, and fellowship.

Warm welcome to Joseph John achen, Nisha Kochamma and Nived, who are joining us from May 2024 onwards. Let us extend our open arms and heartfelt prayers to achen and family. May, Achen's leadership and Pastoral care be a blessing to our church. Let's go together with his spiritual leadership, guidance, and the spiritual journey. May God bless achen abundantly to discharge his ministry as the new vicar of this Parish.

The arrival of May symbolizes a time of growth and transformation in nature, reminding us of the possibilities of new beginnings. Just as flowers bloom and trees bud anew, we are invited to entrust ourselves to God's care and sovereignty. Let's continue to nurture our faith, holding fast to hope and expressing love in all we do. May this be a season of spiritual renewal, where we deepen our connection with God and with one another. Let us approach each day with hearts open to God's grace and guidance. Together, let us cherish every moment we share—whether in worship, service, or simply being present for one another. Let our collective journey of faith may enrich by our unity and mutual support. May God bless you all.

With love and prayers, Rev. Santosh Thomas

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JUBILEE PROJECT UPDATE

Construction activities for the Jubilee Project are progressing well per schedule. After completing site security and fencing, the contractor has focused on site preparations. Construction LTD has procured their agreements with subcontractors. Plumbing and electrical contractors have been onsite doing discovery work against the permitted plans so that they meet the design requirements. Site preparation including select fill has been completed for the gymnasium. Demolition and ground preparation for the Jubilee Hall extension will be the next focus.

Please continue to support the project 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.

MAY BIBLE QUIZ QUESTIONS

Isaiah 11 to 20 chapters.

1. Name the belt and sash of the shoot from the stump of Jesse?
2. The glory of the Babylonian pride will be overthrown by God like --- and ----. Fill the gap.
3. Prophet Isaiah mentions two cities destroyed in a night. Which are they?
4. See the Lord rides on a swift cloud and is coming to ----. Where?
5. Name the prophet who walked barefoot for three years?

Answers for March Quiz. Isaiah 1 to 10 chapters

1. 1:1, 2. 5:7, 3. 7:12, 4. 8:2, 5. 7:14.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

May 11th: Prayer meeting at 10 am at the church.

May 16th: HQ in Malayalam @ 10 am

May 23rd: Pakalveedu Fellowship @10 am

INTER-PRAYER GROUP BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITIONS

Date of competition: 8/31/2024

Questions will be based on:

Book of Amos, Colossians,

and St. James liturgy, from confession onwards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendar:

6/28-6/30 - V B S

8/9-8/11 - Southwest Regional Sports Tournament

8/31 - IMTC Inter-Prayer Group Bible Quiz

9/7 - Parish Picnic @ Kitty Hollow Park, M. City

9/20 - Sunday, 9/22- Parish Convention (Tentative)

10/26 - Auction (Tentative)

11/17 - Parish Day

11/30 —House to House Christmas Caroling

12/24 - Christmas Carol Service

12/30 -12/ 31 – Year End Retreat



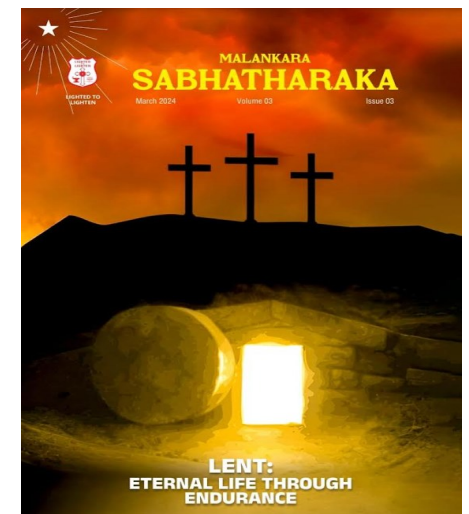
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MAY 2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Royce Chankurethu Samuel & Preethy Chankurethu Abraham	18-May
Mathew Titus & Annamma Titus	19-May
Liju John Thomas & Sruthi S. Daniel	19-May
Johnson Easo & Ani Johnson	19-May
Dr. Abraham Abraham & Aleyamma Abraham	20-May
E. K. Kurian & Mariamma Kurian	21-May
Regy T. Varghese & Julie Reggy Varghese	22-May
Sajimon Kutty & Jibi Sajimon	23-May
Daniel Varghese & Sosamma Varghese	23-May
Praveen Varghese Philip & Elizabeth Zachariah	23-May
Joseph James & Annamma James	24-May
M. S. Raju & Mary M. Raju	24-May
Regi Pappachan & Mariamma Oommen	25-May
Abraham Chacko & Jane Chacko	26-May
Cherian Daniel & Sarah Leethi Cherian	27-May
K. John Abraham & Jincy John Abraham	27-May
M. John Thomas & Leelamma Thomas	27-May
Libu Varkey & Ruby Varkey	28-May
Agith V. Mathew & Chaise Mathew	28-May
Anil Philip Varghese & Laly Philip	28-May
Jubin Geo Mathew & Steffi Mariam Alex	28-May
Ryan Varghese & Nicole Thomas	28-May
Abraham M.A. & Mary Abraham	30-May
James K. Eapen & Shiney J. Eapen	30-May
Varghese P. Varghese & Sosamma Varghese	30-May
Cherian M. John & Sherly Cherian	30-May
Siby P. Mathew & Sneha Varghese	30-May
Vanson M. Samuel & Dr. Shiney Koshy	30-May
Shincy Mathew Abraham & Dr. Bindu Jacob Abraham	31-May
Santhosh K. Cherian & Nisha Santhosh	31-May

ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. The IMTC VBS will be held from June 28th to June 30th. Theme for the year is, **Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God**. The key verse is "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in You." Psalm 56:3.

To register your student, please fill out the form using this QR code --



Registration fees will be \$35 per child and may be paid by cash, check, or Venmo. Cash or check payments should be dropped off at the VBS table on Sundays at church. Immanuel MTC Sunday School's Venmo Account handle is: @IMTC-Sunday School. Please include your children's name and age with payment.

We rely on our volunteers and teachers to help create a positive experience for our children. Please consider signing up to volunteer or teach at this year's VBS by filling out the form using this QR code --



2. Sunday School Final Examination will be held on May 5th at 9:30 AM.

3 May 12th will be the last day to see your teachers in the classroom for this academic year. Students, please be there to thank them for praying for you, teaching you, and sharing God's love with you!

4. Senior Graduation Celebration and Breakfast will be held on May 19th at 9:30 AM.



PRAYER MEETINGS

YFF PRAYER MEETING	YFF: prayer meeting will be held on May 4th at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Ajay & Jessey Thomas, Id # 367. Their address is 5227 Kendall Ridge Lane, Sugarland, TX.
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CONDOLENCES

1. Mrs. Annakutty George, 87 years old, sister-in-law of Mrs. Alice Kalathoor (ID # 105) of the Jerusalem area prayer group and aunt of Mr. Zacharia Kalathoor (ID # 373) of the Bethel prayer group and aunt of Mr. Varghese Kalathoor (ID # 322) of the Hebron prayer group was called to eternal rest in Aurangabad, India.

2. Mrs. Saramma Joy, 76 years old, mother of Mrs. Susy Varghese (ID # 384) of the Hebron area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Chengannur, Kerala.

3. Mr. Jacob C. Thomas, 87 years old, uncle of Mrs. Sarah Cherian (ID # 458) of the Jerusalem area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Elanthur, Kerala.

The Vicars and members of the Immanuel Parish express our heartfelt condolences. Kindly uphold the bereaving family members in your thoughts and prayers.

ZELLE PAYMENTS

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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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Zachariah T. Kalathoor & Binu Zachariah	1-May
Jaison George & Sini Jacob George	2-May
Alvin Mathew & Moncey Alexander	2-May
Varkey T. Varkey & Aleyamma Varkey	3-May
Arun Varghese & Sharon Ann Abraham	3-May
Edin Jama Sam & Rincy Mary Abraham	4-May
Christopher George & Ancy Samuel	4-May
Dr. Chris Cherian & Dr. Florine Abraham	5-May
Dr. Rony Ninan & Dr. Tara Ninan	5-May
Johnson Samuel & Gisha Samuel	6-May
K. Johnson & Anila Johnson	7-May
Benjamin George Varghese & Jasmine Varghese	7-May
Eason Jubin Samuel & Julie Eason	7-May
Thankachan N. Samuel & Rosakutty Samuel	9-May
Anoop Abraham & Jessica Elizabeth Abraham	9-May
Anil Chandy & Dr. Judy George Chandy	10-May
John Varghese & Benzy K. John	11-May
Binu Pappachan & Shalini Pappachan	12-May
Varghese T. Kurien & Thankamma Kurien	13-May
Vivin G. Varghese & Anu Mathew	14-May
K. S. Samuel & Mary Samuel	14-May
Baby Oommen & Kunjamma Oommen	15-May
Nithin Cherian Mathew & Roshini Babu	15-May
Joshua J. George & Bindu M. Thomas	16-May
Thomas Zachariah & Susan Thomas	16-May
Jini Varghese Koshy & Sunil Mathew Zachariah	16-May
M. K. Thomas & Saramma Thomas	17-May
Anil Jacob John & Tissy Mary Itty	17-May
Dr. Cecil Abraham Cherian & Dr. Reeba Elizabeth Cherian	18-May
Jacob K. Chacko & Aleyamma Jacob Chacko	18-May



MAY 2024 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)



Mariamamma Oommen	30-May
Donny Varkey	
Varghese T. Kurien	
Linsie Mathew	
Abraham G. Valayil	
Nickey J. Thomas	
Susan Abraham	
Elizabeth Varghese	
Thomas Varghese	
Georgi Kuruvilla	
Kurien T. Idiculla	
Lizy Mathew	
Susan Alex	
Courtney Woodson	
Shiju George	
Aleena Prasad	
Jessy V. Koshy	
Santhosh Paul Joseph	
Regi C. Pappachan	
Joice Regi	
Bivin Varghese George	31-May
Alexander Jacob	
Joshua George Thomas	
Annie Varghese	
Alvin P. Abraham	
Saji T. Koruthu	
Abraham Chacko	
Elson Thomas	
Mathews Varghese	
Calvin Sajee Kadambathil	
Shaji Jacob	
Philip Thomas	
Shibu Babykutty	
Joby Zachariah	
Animole Binu	
Philip Mathew	
Sissimol Easo	
Bianca Thresia Alexander	
Abraham John	
Jereesh T. John	



Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.
Psalm 33:12



MAY 2024 BIRTHDAYS



Dr. Binujoy John	1-May	Mathai P. Koshy	8-May
Dr. Cerrill Mathew		Mathai Ninan	
Monzy Mathews Anaghan		Alicekutty Thomas	
Annamma John	2-May	Saji John	9-May
V. Varghese		Manju Varghese	
Chacko Kurien		Rosemin Mary John	
Zachariah Koshy		Monica Mathews	
Varghese P.P.	3-May	Baby Mathai	10-May
Kunjamma Kunjukunju		Aju Abraham John	
Benni Thankachan		Gisha Samuel	
Jerry Abraham		Siena Elyya Thomas	
Noble Oommen Keerikattu		Shibu Thankachen	
Rev. Eappen Varghese	4-May	Subi Philip	11-May
Amminikutty Thomas		Varghese Matthew	
Suma C. Matthew		Jose P. George	
Meghna A. George		Oommen Zachariah	
K. S. Samuel		Jolly Zachariah	
Sini Jacob George		Shaji Samuel	
Allen B. Varghese	5-May	Elizabeth Reena Varghese	12-May
Jitin Joy John		Tina Ninan	
Jojoy John		Immanuel Jacob George	
Mariamamma Mathew		Jubin Jacob	
Shelby Elizabeth Thomas		Johnson Easo	
Evelyn Leah Samuel		Jason George	
Shiju Pappachan		Joshua Jacob	
Saramma Mathunny	6-May	Nevin Philip Kallor	13-May
Shibu Varghese		Eva Sabu	
Paola Raquel Luna		Ella Philip	
Dr. Bindu Abraham		Andrew Kulkarni	
Jomon Johny	7-May	Ryan Mathew Cherian	13-May
Subin G. Valayil		Sosamma Mathew	
Nishina A. Thomas		Valsamma Cherian	
Amy Ann Mathews		Ruben T. Roy	
Saji John		Sharon Sara Mathew	
Anjali A. Varghese		Thomas Mathen	
Joel K. Varghese		Merlin Daniel	
Abigail Ann John		Jasmine A. Abraham	
Saleen V. John		Annie J. John	
Blessy Parayil Thomas		Allen John Jacob	
Alizia Rachel Mathew	Jaya Samuel		
Dr. Julie C. Eapen	Liya Regi		
John C Varkey			



MAY 2024 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)



Sosamma Kurien	14-May	Samuel K. Eapen	19-May
Marimma Abraham		Jessy Sam	
George Jacob		Feba Shibu	
Daphne Ann Koshy		Jacob Varghese	20-May
Chris Jacob		Johnny M. Mathew	
Jolly Prasad		Annamma Mathew	
Daphne Ann Koruthu		Raju Abraham	
Charles Chacko Kuzhivila		Mary Samuel	
Aji Daniel		Manju Abraham	21-May
Joseph James	Sanil Mathai		
Dr. Jacob Manoor Thomas	Thoongupla Varghese John		
Philip George	Thomas Varughese	23-May	
Alena A. Thomas	Alex Thomas		
Sosamma T. Thottiyil	Swapna Sara Shybu		
Nevin Biju Mathew	Thomas P Abraham		
Thomas Stephen	Mathew P. Varghese		
Jayden Tom George	Thomas V. S.	24-May	
Dr. Reeba Elizabeth Cherian	Sobha Jose		
Sarah M. Benni	Dany Allen John		
Rebecca Mary Varghese	Abraham Mathai		
Thomas V. S.	Sanah Alex		
Sereena S. Thomas	Varghese Koshy	25-May	
Stanley Mathew	Kester Philip Sajo		
Nehra Susan Mathew	Alex Thomas		
Chris John	Sosamma Koshy		
Shruthi Thomas	Annisa Evalyn John		
Nehra Susan Mathew	James K. Eapen	26-May	
Ruben Reji Varughese	Lally Varughese		
Regeena Daniel	Emory Willow Zachariah		
Mekha Solomon	Divya Abraham		
Susamma Thomas	Reno Samuel		
Selin Varghese	Mariamamma Mathew	27-May	
Melanie Ann Philip	Sosamma George Philip		
Aleyamma Varkey	Julie Eason		
George K. Eapen			
Joseph Varkey			
Thomas Varghese			
Sunu Sam			
K. A. Mathew			
Suma G. Abraham			
Roshan Regi			



MAY 2024 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)



T. I. Rajan	25-May	Thomas A.S.	27-May
Leela M. Samuel		Achamma Joseph	
Mathew Thomas		Aleyamma John	
Shaji Sam Melapat		Thomas Mathew	
Sibin T. Luke		George C. Mammen	
Jose K. George		Jainy Joseph Daniel	28-May
Anila Johnson		Annamma Thomas	
Mathew T. Scaria		Achamma C. Mathew	
Shyla Abraham		Mathew Philip	
Annamma Baby		Varghese K. Oommen	
John M John	Meenu Saji Koruthu	29-May	
George John	Sheila Eapen		
Asha Elizabeth	Annamma George		
Jama Sam	Emi Susan John		
Christine Ann Jacob	Gigi V Mannil		
Prasad Kunjukunju	Sheeja M. John		
Sabu Podiyan	Cherian M. John		
George K. Chacko	Elijah Jacob		
Sajimon Kutty	Liziamma Mathew		
Renjitha Philip	Mariamamma Chacko		
Rebecca Ann Thomas	Achamma Rejeev		
Roy Philip K	Gemini Jacob		
Charlie P. Matthew	Mathew P Mathai		
Seena Eapen	Aleykutty Joshy		
Annamma Titus	Ashley A. Joseph		
Hannah Mary George	Mini S. Thomas		
Rohit Benny Chacko	Koruthu O. Keerikattu		
	Chacko Thottiyil		
	Mini Joy		
	Lexi Ann Oommen		
	John Kumar		
	Sherly Cherian		
	Thomas Mathew		
	Sabu M. George		
	Bindhu Elsy Varghese		
	Jibi Sajimon		
	Maya Grace Mathew		