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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE APRIL 2024

April 7 Jesus Christ the Lord and God			
8:00 AM	English HQ assisted by Sinai area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen. 32:22-32 Acts 9: 1-18 Col 3:12-17 John 20:24-29
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Tabor area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen. 32:22-32 Acts 9: 1-18 Col 13:12-17 John 20:24-29
April 14 Jesus Christ who restores			
8:00 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Hos. 14: 1-9 Heb. 6:9-12 Gala. 6:1-5 John 21:1-14
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Bethel area Prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Hos. 14: 1-9 Heb. 6:9-12 Gala. 6:1-5 John 21:1-14
April 21 The Resurrected Christ who encourages the dispirited			
10:30 AM	English HQ assisted by Bethlehem area prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 41: 8-20 Acts 27:27-37 2 Cor. 4:7-15 Luke 24:13-35
April 28 Marriage: Call and Commission			
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Carmel area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen. 2:18-25 Eph. 5: 21-33 1 Cor 13 Math 19:1-12
May 05 Remember the poor			
8:00 AM	English 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
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Hebron 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

Host your events at Immanuel Center



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

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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

Dates: June 28-30



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FROM THE VICARS DESK

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April

From the Vicar's Desk



Jesus is Risen...He is risen, indeed.

"He died our death that we might receive His life; He became poor that we through His poverty might be rich; He took upon Himself the form of a servant that we might receive the dignity of a son; He suffered our punishment that we might receive His reward; He became obedient unto death that we might be sharers in His resurrection."

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We are in a liturgical season of the resurrection of our Lord. It promises renewal of our life in Christ. In Christ, we are renewed, and the creation has become new. Let's capture the power of resurrection in our life. As Athanasius of Alexandria says, "Christ's resurrection is the pledge of ours; He is the first fruit of them that slept." We are strengthened by His resurrection. After the resurrection, Jesus Christ appeared to Mary Magdalene. He also appeared to the disciples returning to Emmaus; then he appeared to Peter. We also read about his appearances to the disciples in the closed room, to Thomas the apostle, and to the larger group of the disciples till his ascension. The disciples could not believe Him, even though they saw the resurrected Lord. But when they were anointed by the Spirit, then everything became clear to them. It is not sight that we live but by faith. Faith matters, and therefore our faith formation too. The church and its activities must be focused on the faith formation of all, and it must be equipping everyone to grow in their faith in Christ. Faith will give us immense power to witness and transform our everyday life.

We praise God for giving us an opportunity to serve the Lord in the Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Houston for three years. We also thank the Metropolitans and the Diocesan Bishops who gave us the opportunity to serve the Lord here in the parish. It was a miracle journey from Delhi to San Francisco and from there to Houston. There was the fear of COVID 19 everywhere. The church was struggling to come out of the slumber of the lockdown. We prayed together, worked together, and accomplished many things together for the glory of the Lord. Your prayer, love and care marveled us. We, as a family, are grateful to all of you.

Rev. Abraham Varghese and Rev. Saji Albi, the former vicar and the associate vicar were very kind to me. Whenever I needed help, they wholeheartedly offered it to me. Rev. Santhosh Thomas Achen, Teena Kochamma and their daughters were like a family for us. The ministry together with Santhosh Achen and family was a blessed experience. I thank the altar boys and girls and the lay leaders. Without their wonderful service my ministry wouldn't have been effective. I thank the office bearers, Executive Committee members and the organization leaders of the last three years for their love and support for me and my family.

Thank you all wholeheartedly for all the wonderful experiences of ministry. I pray that the parish may grow in all spiritual means and flourish abundantly in witnessing our Lord Jesus Christ. A big love for all of you...

Rev. Eappen Varghese and Family

CALENDAR

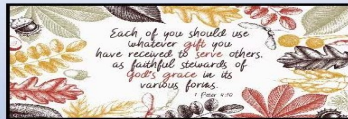
April 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6 AM Prayer 7:30 PM Prayer	2 6 AM Prayer	3 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	4 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Prayer	5 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer 7 PM CFF 7 PM Sebjog	6 9 AM HOPE 11:30 AM Engagement 2:30 PM Marriage 5 PM Baptism 6 House Warming 7 PM Jerusalem
7 8 AM English Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 Malayalam HQ 1 PM Senior Fellowship	8 6 AM Prayer 7:30 MTVEA Prayer	9 6 AM Prayer	10 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Prayer	11 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Pakalveedu 7 PM Prayer	12 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer	13 9 AM Prayer 12 Baptism 4 PM Baptism
14 8 AM G3 Eng. HQ 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Mal. HQ 7 PM Sinai	15 6 AM Prayer 7:30 PM MTVEA Prayer	16 6 AM Prayer	17 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	18 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Holy Qurbana 7 Prayer	19 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer 7 PM IMAFF	20 9:30 AM Sevika Sanghom 5 PM Spring Fest
21 9:30 AM Sunday School 12 YF 5 PM Chitrevamam	22 6 AM Prayer	23 6 AM Prayer	24 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	25 6 AM Prayer 7 Prayer	26 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer	27
28 9:00 am Mal HQ Farewell Mtg - Eappen Achen & Family	29 6 AM Prayer	30 6 AM Prayer				

SUNDAY SCHOOL VBS

IMTC Spring Fest Program: "God's Faithful Stewards"

Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 5pm

Immanuel Center Hall



Platinum Sponsor: \$250
Gold Sponsor: \$100
Silver Sponsor: \$50

Link to pay: Venmo@IMTC-SundaySchool
Add Notes: Spring Fest Sponsor
All funds will go to the IMTC Jubilee project

Spring Fest Coordinators:
Mrs. Jessey Thomas: 832-428-8448
Mrs. Kunjumol Varughese: 281-650-9112

Participants can only be Immanuel (IMTC) Sunday School students, teachers, and Youth Fellowship members.

Complete Christian Focused Program Registration Form by March 9, 2024:



APRIL 2028 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



V.M Georgekutty & Bindu Georgekutty	3-Apr
Raju Varghese & Liziyamma G. Varghese	5-Apr
Dr. Cerrill Mathew & Dr. Susan Ninan Mathew	6-Apr
P. M. Jacob & Annamma Jacob	7-Apr
John Kumar & Susamma John	10-Apr
Anoop K. Varghese & Nijani Philip	11-Apr
Shaji Jacob & Smitha Jacob	13-Apr
M. G. Mathew & Leelamma Mathew	14-Apr
Kuruvilla Chandy & Selin Chandy	14-Apr
Arun M Jayaprakash & Sheja Joe Cherian	14-Apr
Shibu Thankachen & Tiji Shibu	15-Apr
Koshy Abraham & Sheena Abraham	17-Apr
John Varughese & Rachel Varughese	17-Apr
Thomas Mathew & Suja Thomas	18-Apr
Mithun Mathew Thomas & Nayana Benny	19-Apr
Abraham Abraham & Mollykutty Abraham	20-Apr
Dr. Laji James & Elizabeth James	20-Apr
Victor Varghese & Mariam Vicky Varghese	20-Apr
Jobin M. Jose &	21-Apr
Benzy Bennykutty & Ginu Varghese	21-Apr
Abraham Samuel & Mary A. Samuel	22-Apr
John M John & Sheeja M .John	22-Apr
Samuel Jose George & Michelle Mathew	23-Apr
George C. Mammen & Annamma George	23-Apr
Varghese P.P. & Annamma Varghese	23-Apr
Sujith Kurian & Jaisy Jacob	23-Apr
Shibu John & Ancy John	24-Apr
Bibin Abraham Thomas & Meffy Ann Thomas	24-Apr
Rev. Santhosh Thomas & Teena Thomas	25-Apr
Rijul Raju & Dayana M. Sunny	25-Apr
Kurian Varghese & Bindhu Elsy Varghese	25-Apr
Cherian Abraham & Elizabeth Cherian	26-Apr
Samuel Koshy & Annamma Samuel	26-Apr
Jama Sam & Sunu Sam	26-Apr
Terin V. Philip & Christina Philip Oricompil	27-Apr
Vinod Thomas & Minal Thomas	29-Apr
K. T. Sajee & Binta C. Varghese	30-Apr



APRIL 2024 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)



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

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins at 9:30 am
April 20: Spring Fest

April 28: No Sunday school

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

April 7: Monthly prayer Mtg / Farewell Meeting after HQ @ church.
April 11: Pakalveedu @10 am @ the church
April 18: HQ @ 10 am

CFF

April 5: Reconnect Night @ 7 pm

Yuvajana Sakhyam

April 14: Bake Sale

YFF

April 27: Prayer Mtg @ Mr. Ajay & Jessey Thomas's (ID 367) residence @ 6:30 pm

AREA PRAYER GROUP

Sehion area prayer meeting –Friday April 5 @ 7:00 PM at the residence of Mr. V. C. Abraham (ID# 643). 4306 Walston Bridge Ct., Sugar Land, TX 77479

Sinai area prayer meeting –Sunday April 14 @ 7:00 PM at the residence of Mr. V. M. Georgekutty (ID# 548). 2910 Silhouette Bay Dr., Pearland, TX 77584

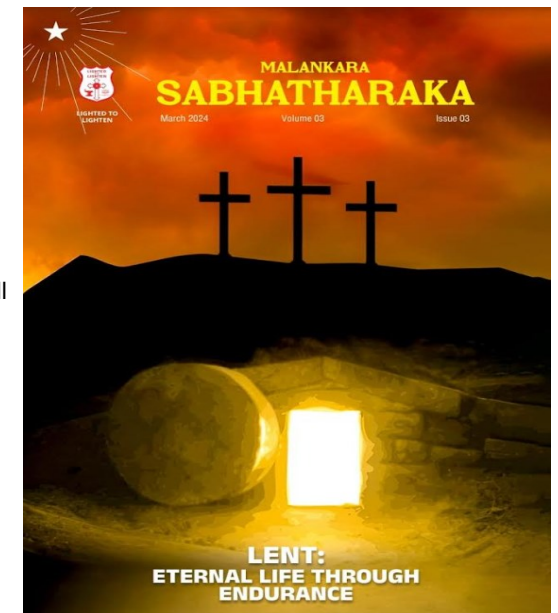
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UPCOMING EVENTS

4/20 - Sunday school Spring Fest
 4/28 - Farewell Meeting for Eappen Achen & Family
 6/28-6/30 - V B S
 8/9-8/11 - Southwest Regional Sports Tournament
 8/31 - IMTC Parish Bible Quiz
 9/20 - Sunday, 9/22- Parish Convention (Tentative)
 9/28 - Parish Picnic @ Kitty Hollow Park, M. City
 10/06 - MTEVA (Edavaka Mission) Sunday
 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

CONDOLENCES

Mr. M.J. Chacko, brother of Mr. M John Thomas (ID # 669) of the Sinai prayer group was called to eternal rest on February 27th, In Banglore, India

Mr. Varghese John, 83 years old, father of Mr. Giji Varghese Mannil (ID # 409) of the Sinai area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Chengannur, Kerala.

Mrs. Annamma Philip, 77 years old, wife of our member Mr. George Philip, (ID # 182) of the Sharon area prayer group was called to eternal rest yesterday in Dallas, TX. Funeral took place in Dallas.

Mrs. Annamma Jacob, 78 years old, mother of Mr. Shaji Jacob (ID # 495) of the Bethel area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Chengannur, Kerala.

Mr. C. J. Varghese, 90 years old, father-in-law of Mr. John Varkey (ID # 596) of the Hebron area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Chunkathara, Kerala.

Mrs. Mariamma Mathew, 83 years old, mother of Mr. Philip Mathew (ID # 612) of the Sinai area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Bombay, India.

Mrs. Leelamma Stephen, 77 years old, sister of Mr. Mammen Mathew (ID # 104) of the Horeb area prayer group and sister of Mr. Sam Mathew (ID # 241) of the Salem area prayer group was called to eternal rest 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.

APRIL 2024 BIRTHDAYS

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