

**IMMANUEL MAR THOMA CHURCH,
12803 SUGAR RIDGE BLVD.
STAFFORD, TX 77477**

VICAR

REV. DR. EAPPEN VARGHESE

10212 FOUNTAIN GATE DR. STAFFORD, TX 77477

HOME: 281.561.9147

CELL: 713.330.5299

EMAIL: VICAR@IMMANUELMTC.ORG

ASSISTANT VICAR

REV. SANTHOSH THOMAS

7407 NEUCES CR,

MISSOURI CITY TX 77459

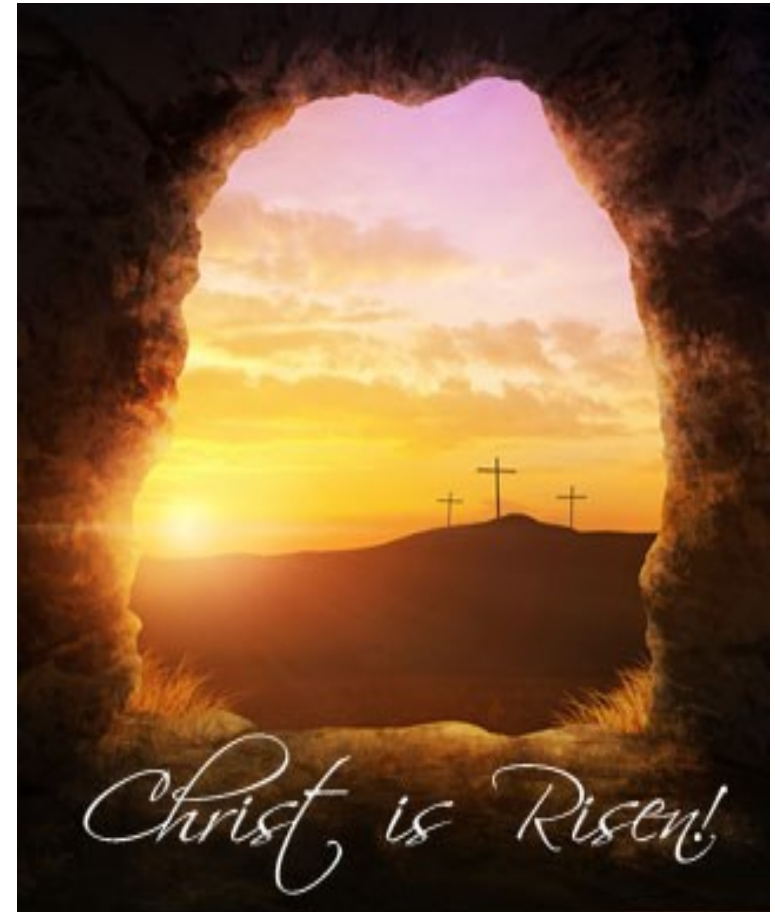
CELL: 832.837.4721

EMAIL: ASST.VICAR@IMMANUELMTC.ORG



Immanuel Mar Thoma Church

Houston, TX



(This newsletter is for private circulation only)

Published by **P. M. Jacob**, Parish Secretary
For and on behalf of Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Houston
Cell: 832.567.0745, email: secretary@immanuelmtc.org

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

Worship Schedule Mar. 2024			
March 3 Jesus Christ who redeems all			
8:00 am	English HQ assisted by Carmel area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen 12:1-9 Acts 8: 26-40 Rom 5:14-21 Mark 7:24-30
10.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Diocesan Assembly Members	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen 12:1-9 Acts 8: 26-40 Rom 5:14-21 Mark 7:24-30
March 10 Jesus Christ who liberates			
8:00 am	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Exod. 3: 1-15 Acts 27:9-25 Phil.1:12-20 Luke 13:10-17
10.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Ebenezer area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Exod. 3:1-15 Acts 27:9-25 Phil. 1:12-20 Luke 13:10-17
March 17 Christ who stops at human cries			
10:30 am	English HQ assisted by Hebron area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen. 21:9-19 Acts 12:5-16 Rom.8:26-30 Mark 10:46-52
March 24 Hosanna: Christ, the Lord of peace			
10:30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Horeb area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Zach. 9: 9-17 Eph. 2: 11-22 Phil. 4: 4-9 Luke 19: 29-40
March 27 Passover			
7.00 pm	English HQ assisted by Jerusalem area. First Communion / Episcopal Visit	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Exod. 12:1-20 Phil. 2:1-11 1 Cor.11:23-34 Matt 26:17-29
March 29 Good Friday: Crucified Christ			
9:00 am	Malayalam assisted by Salem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Gospel	Isaiah 53 1 Peter 1 Matt 26:47-75
11:00 am	English assisted by Youth Fellowship	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Gospel	Zach 13:1-9 Gal 3:1-22 Matt 27:1-44
12:30 am	Malayalam assisted by Sehion area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Gospel	Num 21:1-9 Heb 3:1-19 Matt 27:45-56
March 31 Easter Sunday: Victory over death			
9:00 am	English HQ assisted by Sharon area First Communion	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 60:12-21 1 Cor.15:42-58 1 Cor 15:20-28 John 20: 1-18

2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
OFFICE BEARERS		
Vicar	Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese	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	281.499.7414
Accountant	Mr. Johnny M. Mathew	281.261.2609
Lay Leader (Malayalam)	Mr. Jeffrin C. Varghese	832.606.5697
Lay Leader (English)	Mr. Ajel John	281.750.5837
AREA REPRESENTATIVES		
Bethel	Mr. Mathews Varghese	832.205.6860
Bethlehem	-	-
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	-	-
Sinai	Mr. Philip Mathew	682.246.1255
Tabor	Mr. John Varghese	281.746.0005
CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES		
Choir	-	-
Edavaka Mission	-	-
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	Mr. Zachariah Koshy	281.780.9764
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

Jubilee Project Update:

We have signed the contract with Construction LTD, the general contractor. As soon as we get a date, we will schedule a prayer/groundbreaking ceremony.

Efforts are underway to collect the needed funds for the construction of our Jubilee project by taking personal loans from our members at 4.50% interest rate. Members will be paid interest at the end of each year, though they have the option to return the interest amount paid to them back to the church. The minimum loan amount was set at 10,000 dollars.

Please consider this request prayerfully.

Sunday school News

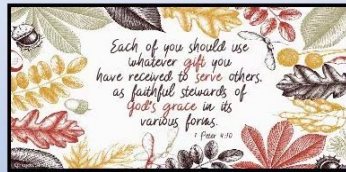
IMTC Spring Fest - Sunday School and Youth Fellowship is hosting a Christian-based talent show on April 20th from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Please sign up your groups by March 9th. Consider sponsoring the event in support of the IMTC Jubilee Project.

2. IMTC VBS - the 2024 VBS will be held from June 28th to June 30th. Please save the date.

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

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



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

New Family

Mrs. Veena Benny Chacko (ID # 704), Rohit Benny Chacko (son)
Address: 1201 Dulles Ave., Stafford, TX 77477.

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK



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

We are going through Great Lent season. As a Parish, we have been conducting special Lenten worship in our homes under the leadership of vicars. Thank you for all who are prayerfully attending the Lenten prayers. It is a time of deep reflection, self-examination, and spiritual growth. Lent calls us to journey inward, to explore the recesses of our hearts, and to cultivate a spirit of repentance and renewal. It is a season of self-discipline, prayer, and acts of kindness that prepare us for the celebration of Easter. During this Lenten season, let us commit ourselves to moments of prayer and contemplation. Through fasting and meditating Word of God, we emulate Jesus' journey into the desert, seeking a closer connection with the Divine. Let our Lenten practices be a source of spiritual strength, guiding us towards a more profound understanding of the sacrifice and love that Easter embodies.

As we approach Passion Week, we walk alongside Jesus in his final steps toward the cross. The poignant events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are inviting us to meditate on Christ's ultimate sacrifice. Let us gather in prayer and solidarity, acknowledging the importance of these moments and embracing the transformative power of the resurrection that follows. The culmination of our Lenten journey is the glorious celebration of Easter. The resurrection reminds us of the triumph of light over darkness, hope over despair, and life over death. In the midst of our celebrations, let us not forget the profound meaning behind this joyous occasion – a renewed sense of purpose, forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life. This Easter, let us remember the incredible gift of salvation. May the resurrection of Jesus Christ inspire us to live with hope, compassion, and unwavering faith in the face of life's challenges.

May the blessings of Lent, the reflections of Passion Week, and the joy of Easter resonate within our parish and extend to every corner of our lives. May God help us to observe this holy season as a time of prayer and meditation. So let us submit ourselves in the Mighty hand of God.

We both Achens and our families wishing you a meaningful and blessed Lenten season, a reflective Passion Week, and a joyous Easter celebration.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Santosh Thomas,
Asst. Vicar.

CALENDAR

March 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6 PM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer 7 PM Lent Prayer	2 9- 11 AM First Communion Class 10 AM Senior Fellowship
3 8 AM English HQ 9.30 AM Sunday School 10.30 AM Malayalam HQ Diocesan Sunday 12.30 AM English Choir Audition	4 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Lent Prayer 7.30 Edavaka Mission Diocese prayer.	5 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Lent prayer	6 6 AM Prayer 8 PM IMTC Bible Study.	7 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Lent Prayer	8 6 AM Prayer Conference- Dallas	9 Conference - Dallas
10 8 AM G3 YF HQ 9.30 AM Sunday School 10.30 AM Malayalam HQ. 1 PM Malayalam Choir Audition. 5.30 Prayer Jerusalem 7 PM Prayer Bethlehem	11 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Lent Prayer	12 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Lent Prayer	13 6 AM Prayer 8 PM IMTC Bible Study.	14 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Pakal Veedu 7 PM Lent Prayer	15 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Lent Prayer	16 9- 11 First Communion Class. 10- 12 Sevika Sanghom.
17 9.30 AM Sunday School 10.30 AM English HQ.	18 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Lent Prayer	19 6 AM Prayer 7 AM Lent Prayer	20 6 AM Prayer 8 PM IMTC Bible Study	21 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Lent Prayer	22 6 AM Prayer 10 AM 40* Friday Holy Qurbana 7 PM Lent Prayer	23 9 AM Malayalam Choir Audition. 2.30 PM Sevika Sanghom World Prayer Day. 7 PM Hebron Prayer.
24 9.30 AM Sunday School. 10.30 AM Palm Sunday Malayalam HQ.	25 6 AM Prayer. 7 PM Sandhyanamaskaram.	26 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Sandhya namaskaram.	27 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Pessaha/ First Communion/ Holy Qurbana in English/ Episcopal Visit.	28 6 AM Prayer 7 PM Sandhyanamaskaram.	29 9 AM Good Friday Service.	30 9 AM Saturday Morning Service
31 9 AM Easter First Communion English HQ.						

MARCH BIBLE QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. Name the kings of Judah during Isaiah's time?
2. The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the --- ----- ----. Fill in the gap.
3. Name the king of Judah who said, "I will not put the Lord to the test"?
4. Who were the reliable witnesses of Prophet Isaiah?
5. What was the sign Lord gave to king Ahaz?

Answers for February Bible Quiz - Ecclesiastes 1-12

1. 5:1, 2. 7:3, 3. 8:1, 4. 10:1, 5. 12:13.

MARCH 2024 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)

Mary Neena Varghese	30-Mar
Geena M. George	
Kuruvilla Chandy	
Preven C. Jacob	
Noah Joseph Thomas	
Jonathan Jacob	
Aaron Aby George	31-Mar
Aarush Aju John	
Shiney J. Eapen	
Sahaya Selim Sibin	
Cherian Daniel	
David Verghese	

Diocesan Episcopal Visit

Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulose Episcopa will be visiting our parish on March 27th and celebrating the HQ at 7.00 pm.

11th Southwest Regional conference of MTVEA, Sevika Sanghom, and Sr. Fellowship will be conducted on March 8th Friday & 9th Saturday, 2024 at the Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch. Further details will be given later. Please mark your calendars and save the date. Kindly remember the conference in your prayers.

MARCH 2024 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



MARCH 2024 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)



Liziyamma G. Varghese	15-Mar	George Mathew	23-Mar
Mini Eapen		Alyssa Anna Cheriyan	
Joseph P. Varghese		Varghese Philip	
Meera Rose Alexander		Nikhil D. Thomas	
David Philip		Susan George	
Soumya Sara Jeffrin		Jake John	
Dr. Sherwin B. Oommen	16-Mar	Nikita M. Varughese	24-Mar
Ajay Thomas		Alvin Eason Samuel	
Agith V. Mathew		Samuel Mathew Koshy	
Dr. Sunil V. Cherry	17-Mar	Valsa Mathai	25-Mar
Mason Varughese		Siju Mathew	
Abraham Samuel		Anju G. John	
Derick Reji Kurian		Sosamma George	
Allen G John		Moncey Alexander	26-Mar
Kevin M. John		Thankamma Kurien	
Shawn Sam Mathew		Luka Mathew George	
Abraham Mathew		Rengith R. Karikottu	
Santhosh K. Cherian		Sajini Reji	
Nina Pappy Nelson		Reuben Saji Pappachan	
Julia Mariam Samuel	18-Mar	Anoop Abraham	28-Mar
Abi Philip		Jim Thomas	
Ida Ann Varghese	19-Mar	Saji G. Philip	
Denny George		Bhasilal Mathai	29-Mar
Aakash John	20-Mar	Reji K. Varughese	
Serena Siby		Sunil Abraham	
Daniel Philip Chacko		Aiden Cherian	
Sheetal Saji		Dr. Rony Ninan	
Mathew Jacob		Vinod Abraham	
Josephine Samuel	21-Mar	Mariakutty Samuel	29-Mar
Aby Joy		Aney K. John	
Reena Roy		Noel Stephen Thomas	
Danyal V. Varghese		Asher Luke Abraham	30-Mar
Abu P. Abraham		Jaison George	
Dayana M. Sunny		Elaine Sajan	
Abigail Alice Green		Genelia Santhosh	

CONDOLENCES

1. Mrs. Mary Kutty Jacob, 94 years old, mother of Mr. Roy Jacob (ID # 355) of the Carmel prayer group was called to her heavenly abode in Andheri, Bombay.

The vicars and members of the Immanuel parish express our heartfelt condolences. Let us uphold the bereaving family members in our thoughts and prayers.



The Theme for 2024: New Creation

2 Corinthians 5: 17. Therefore, if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away.

Behold, the fresh and new has come!

Inculcate:

1. Listen to others with respect.
2. Speak with truth and gentleness.
3. Forgive

Read the Bible completely in one year. Read 4 chapters every day. You can complete the Bible in one year.

ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School	Sunday school starts @ 9.30 am
Sevika Sanghom	Prayer meetings: March 16th Sat. @ 9.30 am
Senior Fellowship	March 02: Monthly Prayer Meeting @ 10.00 am March 14: Pakalveedu gathering @ 10.00 am
LENT Prayer	Feb 12 – March 22 @ 7.00 pm at homes
YF	March 23: Bible study @ 6 pm
Parish	March 22: 40th Friday Holy Qurbana @ 10 am
AREA PRAYER GROUPS	<p>Jerusalem area prayer meeting: Sunday March 10th, at 5.30 pm at the residence of Mr. Abraham Komattu (ID # 374). Address: 7607 Courtney man-or Ln., Katy, TX. 77494.</p> <p>Bethlehem area and IMAAF prayer meeting: Sunday, March 10th at 7.00 at the residence of Mr. Varghese Rajesh Mathew (ID # 148). Address: 310 S. Esplanade Lane, Stafford, TX 77459</p> <p>Hebron area prayer meeting: Saturday March 23rd at 7.00 pm at the residence of Mr. Mathew Varghese (ID # 397). Address: 2602 Palm Harbor Dr., Missouri City, TX 77459.</p>

MARCH LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE

Monday Mar 4.
Mathew Scaria (ID # 345)
10814 Roller Mill LN, SL 77498
281 857 5611
Tue, Mar 5
Joji Itty (ID # 454)
5555 Twin Rivers Ln SL 77479
281 716 0350
Thu, Mar 7
V. C. Abraham (Id # 643)
4306 Walston Ridge CT/, SL 77479
516 467 7926
Mon, Mar 11
John Varghese (ID # 520)
2327 Argos Dr, MC 77459
832 938 8664
Tue, Mar 12
Sabu Podiyan (ID # 549)
13412 Ravens Park In, Pearland. 77584
409 548 7434
Thu, Mar 14
V. M. Georgekutty (ID # 548)
2910 Silhouette Bay Dr, Pearland 77584
817 773 2540

Fri, Mar 15
John M. John (ID # 420)
10 Verona Way CT, MC 77459
281 854 7306
Mon, Mar 18
Shaji John (ID # 551)
10702 Battenrock CT, Richmond 77407
847 903 6505
Tue, Mar 19
Koshy P. Mathew (ID # 148)
4526 Ring Rose MC 77459
281 935 7858
Thu, Mar 21
Varghese Idiculla (ID # 139)
5623 Dalton Ranch Ln, SL 77479
281 682 4446
Fri, Mar 22
Reji V. Kurian (ID # 400)
7327 Love Creek, MC 77459
281 777 1919

MARCH 2024 BIRTHDAYS

Rachel Thomas	1-Mar	Sarah Thomas	8-Mar
Koshy Philipkutty		Anitha Mathew	
Arun Koshy		Ashish J. Thomas	
Aleyamma Abraham		Koshy Abraham	
Bindu Georgekutty		Dr. Susy Varghese	
Shibu A. Abraham		Renimol George	
Neethu Mary Mathew	2-Mar	Annamma John	9-Mar
Beena Samuel		Alitta Mary George	
Thomas Cheriyan		Sneha Saji	
Mary A. Samuel		Tina V. Philip	
Roshan Pappachen		Sherine P. Mercily	
Anitha Philip		Binila Annie Baby	
Ezra Punnoose Abraham	3-Mar	Sheena Muppattayil	10-Mar
Isabella S Chacko		Priya Ann Chacko	
Dennis Mathew		Teena Thomas	
Ajini John		Selvy Ann Thomas	
Jolly Mammen		Vidya E. George	
Donna Varkey		Jonah Bobby Thomas	
Serena Mammen	4-Mar	Satish Philip	11-Mar
Jeffery J. Eapen		Jayden Jubin Jacob	
Renee Elizabeth Karikottu		Alan Mathew	
Shiloh M. mathew		Preethy Chankurethu Abraham	
Sibi Varghese Chacko		Dr. Florine Abraham	
Luke Abraham Varghese		Elizabeth Rachel Karikottu	
Jubin Geo Mathew	5-Mar	Johan Eason Samuel	12-Mar
Rohit V. Roy		Thomas Mathew	
Mariamamma J. Kurien		Dr. Shiney Koshy	
Abraham V. Komattu		Rayna Mary Cherian	
Joshua Mathew George		Sarah Philip Kalathoor	
Melisa Anna Philip		Abraham M.A.	
Dr. Anil T. Mathew	6-Mar	Omana Abraham	13-Mar
Syrus Chacko		Allen John Mannil	
Reshma M. Varghese		Thomas. P.A	
M. A. Varughese		Dennis V. Varghese	
M. G. Philip		Hanok Shiju	
Mary Mathew			
Smitha Jacob	7-Mar		14-Mar
Grace Marrie Daniel			
Alyssa Sara George			
Emma Deena George			
Simi M. John			
Thomas K. Puthenmadathil			