



IMMANUEL MARTHOMA CHURCH HOUSTON TX



**NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2023**

From the Asst. Vicar's Desk



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. In our faith journey, we are going through the season of Great Lent. It is a blessed time for us. Lent marks a sacred period on the church calendar. We are observing lent for the renewal of Christian life and a spiritual preparation for Easter. During the time of Lent, we are traditionally engaged in practices of self-denial, like fasting, meant to orient our hearts and minds to the sufferings of Christ. It is a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. It is a time for reflection on Jesus Christ – to consider his suffering and sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection. Prayer, fasting, and helping hands are important practices during the Lent season. These practices have been a part of the church tradition for centuries and are still observed.

- **Prayer:** It is an essential aspect of the Lenten season. During this time, individuals are encouraged to reflect on their relationship with God and to seek a deeper spiritual connection with the Divine. This can be achieved through daily personal prayers, family prayers, attending church services and fasting prayers.

- **Fasting:** It is another important aspect of Lent. It involves giving up certain luxuries or desires for a period of time in order to focus on spiritual needs. This can take many forms, such as giving up food for a day, abstaining from certain foods for a period of time, or giving up other things like television or social media.

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The purpose of fasting is to help individuals draw closer to God by acknowledging their dependence on God and breaking away from worldly distractions.

- **Helping hands:** It is also another aspect of Lent that involves helping those in need. This can involve donating to charities, volunteering to social organizations, or helping a neighbour in need. It is an expression of compassion and love. It is an integral part of the entire season, as it helps individuals to focus on their obligations to others and to live a life of selflessness and service.

Prayer, fasting, and helping hands – serve as a reminder of the importance of spiritual growth and reflection. Through these practices, individuals can deepen their faith, strengthen their relationship with God, and live a more meaningful and purposeful life.

We have been conducting Lenten prayers in our homes. Many of our members are prayerfully participating in Lenten prayer. Thank you everyone for taking it as seriously. We appreciate their passion and involvement in these prayers. In addition to this, we are encouraging everyone to regularly attend the fasting prayers, Holy Communion and all other spiritual activities which are conducted by the Parish. May the observance of Lent help us to establish a stronger sense of God's need in every moment of our life and develop a more disciplined, intimate and authentic prayer life.

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confess and forsakes them will obtain mercy” (Proverb 28:13).

May God Bless you all.

Rev. Santhosh Thomas
Asst. Vicar

WORSHIP SCHEDULE MARCH 2023

5-March 8.00 AM	English HQ, assisted by Hebron Area Prayer Group	(Jesus Christ who Forgives Sins, Third Sunday of Great Lent)	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:	Isa 33:13-24 Heb 9:11-20 Col 2:8-15 Mark 2:1-12
5-March 10.30 AM	Malayalam HQ, assisted by Horeb Area Prayer Group	(Jesus Christ who Forgives Sins, Third Sunday of Great Lent)	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:	Isa 33:13-24 Heb 9:11-20 Col 2:8-15 Mark 2:1-12
12-March 8.00 AM	G3 & English HQ, assisted by Youth Fel- lowship.	(Jesus Christ who includes All, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent)	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:	Isa 45:1-8 Acts 10:34-43 Gal 3:23-29 Matt 15:21-28
12-March 10.30 AM	Malayalam HQ, assisted by Jerusalem Area Prayer Group	(Jesus Christ who includes All, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent)	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:	Isa 45:1-8 Acts 10:34-43 Gal 3:23-29 Matt 15:21-28
19-March 10.30 AM	English HQ, assisted by Salem Area Prayer Group	(Jesus Christ who Re- deems, Fifth Sunday of Great Lent)	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:	Exod 3:1-10 1Pet 1:18-25 Rom 3:23-31 Luke 13:10-17
26-March 8.00 AM	G3 & English HQ, assisted by Youth Fel- lowship.	(Jesus Christ who Leads to New Vision, Thirty-Sixth Sunday)	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:	Ezek 37:1-14 Phil 3:7-16 Col 3:1-11 Mark 10:46-52
26-March 10.30 AM	Malayalam HQ, assisted by Sehion Area Prayer Group	(Jesus Christ who Leads to New Vision, Thirty-Sixth Sunday)	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:	Ezek 37:1-14 Phil 3:7-16 Col 3:1-11 Mark 10:46-52

MARCH BIRTHDAY

Name	B day	B day	Name	
Rachel Thomas	1-Mar	5-Mar	Mariamamma J. Kurien	
Koshy Philipkutty			Abraham V. Komattu	
Arun Koshy			Joshua Mathew George	
Aleyamma Abraham		6-Mar	Dr. Anil T. Mathew	
Bindu Georgekutty			Syrus Chacko	
Shibu A. Abraham			Reshma M. Varghese	
Neethu Mary Mathew		2-Mar	7-Mar	M. A. Varughese
Beena Toji Samuel				M. G. Philip
Thomas Cheriyan	Mary Mathew			
Mary A. Samuel	Smitha Jacob			
Roshan Pappachen	Grace Marrie Daniel			
Anitha Philip	Alyssa Sara George			
Ezra Punnoose Abraham	Emma Deena George			
Isabella S Chacko	Simi M. John			
Ajini John	Thomas K. Puthenmadathil			
Jolly Mammen	4-Mar			8-Mar
Donna Varkey		Anitha Mathew		
Serena Mammen		Ashish J. Thomas		
Jeffery J. Eapen		Koshy Abraham		
Renee Elizabeth Karikottu		Dr. Susy Varghese		
Shiloh M. mathew		Renimol George		
Sibi Varghese Chacko		Annamma John		
Luke Abraham Varghese		Alitta Mary George		
Jubin Geo Mathew		Sneha Saji		
Rohit V. Roy				

MARCH BIRTHDAY (Cont'd)

Name	B day	B day	Name
Tina V. Philip	9-Mar	15-Mar	Liziyamma G. Varghese
Sherine P. Mercily			Mini Eapen
Binila Annie Baby			Joseph P. Varghese
Sheena Muppattayil	David Philip		
Priya Ann Chacko	Soumya Sara Jeffrin		
Teena Thomas	10-Mar	16-Mar	Dr. Sherwin B. Oommen
Selvy Ann Thomas			Ajay Thomas
Vidya E. George			Agith V. Mathew
Jonah Bobby Thomas		17-Mar	Dr. Sunil V. Cherry
Satish Philip			Mason Varughese
Jayden Jubin Jacob			Abraham Samuel
Alan Mathew			Derick Reji Kurian
Preethy Chankurethu Abraham			Allen G John
Dr. Florine Abraham			Kevin M. John
Elizabeth Rachel Karikottu			Shawn Sam Mathew
Thomas Mathew	Abraham Mathew		
Dr. Shiney Koshy	Santhosh K. Cherian		
Sarah Philip Kalathoor	11-Mar	18-Mar	Julia Mariam Samuel
Abraham M.A.			Abi Philip
Omana Abraham	11-Mar	19-Mar	Ida Ann Varghese
Allen John Mannil			Denny George
Thomas. P.A	11-Mar	20-Mar	Aakash John
Dennis V. Varghese			Serena Siby
			Daniel Philip Chacko
			Sheetal Saji

MARCH BIRTHDAY (Cont'd)

Name	B day	B day	Name
Josephine Samuel	21-Mar	26-Mar	Jim Thomas
Joseph Thomas T. Mathai			Saji G. Philip
Aby Joy			Bhasilal Mathai
Reena Roy			Reji K. Varughese
Danyal V. Varghese			Sunil Abraham
Abu P. Abraham			Dr. Rony Ninan
Dayana M. Sunny	22-Mar	28-Mar	Vinod Abraham
Abigail Alice Green			Mariakutty Samuel
George Mathew	23-Mar		29-Mar
Alyssa Anna Cheriyan		Noel Stephen Thomas	
Varghese Philip		Asher Luke Abraham	
Nikhil D. Thomas		Jaison George	
Susan George		Elaine Sajan	
Jake John		Genelia Santhosh	
Nikita M. Varughese	24-Mar	30-Mar	Mary Neena Varghese
Samuel Mathew Koshy			Geena M. George
Valsa Mathai			Kuruville Chandy
Siju Mathew			Preven C. Jacob
Anju G. John			Noah Joseph Thomas
Sosamma George			Jonathan Jacob
Moncey Alexander	25-Mar	31-Mar	Aaron Aby George
Thankamma Kurien			Aarush Aju John
Luka Mathew George			Shiney J. Eapen
Rengith R. Karikottu			Sahaya Selim Sabin
Sajini Reji		Cherian Daniel	
Reuben Saji Pappachan			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (Cont'd)

ID	Name	Spouse	Wed day
568	Gijo P. Abraham	Beena Abraham	11-Mar
480	Dr. Sheebu Chacko	Dr. Anju Chacko	15-Mar
594	Lino Samuel	Sheba A. Mathew	15-Mar
640	Isaac Easow	Jeesa Saraa Isaac	21-Mar
498	Jomon Kurian Thomas	Saro Kurian Thomas	31-Mar

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sunday School	Sunday School on March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th will begin at 09.30 AM.
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Yuvajana Sakhyam Cottage Prayer Meeting on March 19th after the Holy Communion Service at the residence of Mr. Sajan John and Merlin, ID # 536.
HOPE	HOPE Program "Molding Minds Magically" on March 24th between 6.30 PM - 8.30 PM at Church.
Senior Fellowship	Senior Fellowship Prayer Meeting on March 31st at Church right after 40th Friday Lent Holy Communion Service. Senior Fellowship Pakalveedu on March 16th at 10.00 AM at our Church.
Choir	HASHO NOYO, a passion recital jointly organized by the Trinity, Immanuel, and St. Thomas Mar Thoma church on March 26th at 5.00 PM.
YFF	YFF prayer meeting on March 25th at residence of Dr. Sheebu Chacko and Dr. Anju at 6.30 PM.
YF	IMTC YF and Trinity YF combined volunteering event at the Houston Food Bank on March 18th from 1.00 PM - 4.00 PM. Praise and Worship Team is looking to add new members. Auditions will be held on March 12th and March 19th. YF Lenten Prayers every Tuesday 7.30 PM - 8.00 PM via Zoom. Meeting ID is 799 998 2537 YF dues have went up to \$25 and will need to be paid to participate in IBL, Sports tournaments, etc. Venmo payments are accepted through IMC Venmo account @ imcyouth.

Address Change:

Mr. C. Thomas Yohannan & Mariakutty (Joy & Kunjumol)
7-Blue Iron Drive
Missouri City,
TX-77459

BIBLE QUIZ FOR MARCH 2023

Bible portion is taken from Psalm 31 to 45

1. Lord's ----- ---- surrounds the man who trusts in him. Fill the gap.
2. David pretended to be insane and sang this Psalm, which one?
3. Grass will wither and green plants will die. This Psalm reflects on whom?
4. Each man's life is but a ----- . Fill the gap.
5. The Psalm is known as a wedding Psalm, which one?

Answers for February Bible Quiz {Psalm 16 to 30 }

1. 16:4, 2. 18, 3. 19:8, 4. 25:14, 5. 30:11.

CONDOLENCES

Mr. M.K. Yesudas 71 years old father of Mr. Prem Das Mammazhyil Id# 387 of Sinai area prayer group, and brother of Mr. M.K. Thomas Id# 156 and brother of Mrs. Elizabeth Varghese Id# 264 of the Horeb area prayer group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Kerala.

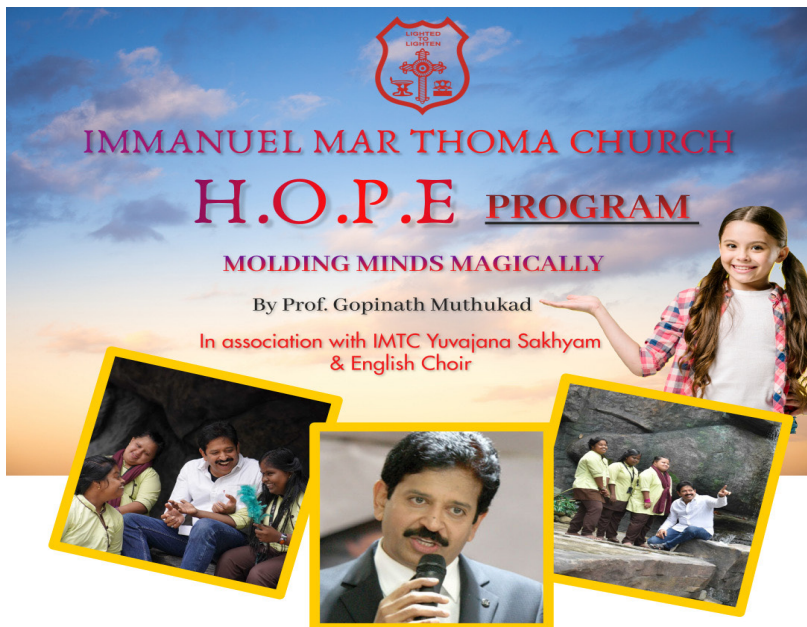
Mr. N. K. Joseph 104 years old, brother-in-law of Mr. John Kurian Id# 302 of the Horeb area prayer group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Kerala.

Mr. Ranju M. Varughese 37 years old husband of Mrs. Binsu Varughese and son-in-law of Mr. Mathew Varghese and Mrs. Mary Mathew, Id# 397 of the Horeb area prayer group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral will be held in Orlando, FL on March 12th.

The vicars and members of the Immanuel Parish express our heart-felt condolences. Kindly up-hold the bereaving family members in your thoughts and prayers.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			MORNING PRAYERS - 06.00 AM BIBLE STUDY - 08.00 PM	MORNING PRAYERS - 06.00 AM LENT PRAYER - 07.30 PM	MORNING PRAYERS - 06.00 AM FASTING PRAYER - 10.00 AM LENT PRAYER - 07.30 PM	SENIOR FELLOWSHIP MEETING @ 10.00 AM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 09.30 AM HQ ENGLISH - 08.00 AM HQ MALAYALAM - 10.30 AM	MORNING PRAYERS - 06.00 AM LENT PRAYER - 07.30 PM	MORNING PRAYERS - 06.00 AM LENT PRAYER - 07.30 PM	MORNING PRAYERS - 06.00 AM LENT PRAYER - 07.30 PM	MORNING PRAYERS - 06.00 AM LENT PRAYER - 07.30 PM	MORNING PRAYERS - 06.00 AM FASTING PRAYER @ 10.00 AM LENT PRAYER - 07.30 PM	
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The poster features a blue sky background with a church crest at the top center. The crest is a shield with a cross and the words 'SINGED LIGHTEN'. Below the crest, the text 'IMMANUEL MAR THOMA CHURCH' is written in red. Underneath, 'H.O.P.E PROGRAM' is written in large red letters, with 'H.O.P.E' in a larger font. Below that, 'MOLDING MINDS MAGICALLY' is written in red. The text 'By Prof. Gopinath Muthukad' is in black, followed by 'In association with IMTC Yuvajana Sakhyam & English Choir' in red. On the right, a young girl with pigtails, wearing a plaid shirt, is smiling and gesturing. At the bottom, there are three yellow-bordered photos: a group of people sitting and talking, a man speaking into a microphone, and a group of people standing outdoors.

IMMANUEL MAR THOMA CHURCH

H.O.P.E PROGRAM

MOLDING MINDS MAGICALLY

By Prof. Gopinath Muthukad

In association with IMTC Yuvajana Sakhyam
& English Choir

MARCH 24, 2023

6.30 PM - 8.30 PM

ENJOY AN EVENING FILLED WITH

MOTIVATION & AWARENESS

@ Immanuel Mar Thoma Church
12803 Sugar Ridge Blvd, Stafford, TX
77477

ALL ARE INVITED

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Marthoma choirs comes together to praise God....

Trinity
MTC

Immanuel
MTC

St. Thomas
MTC



March 26th, 2023
@ 5pm

Hosted by
IMMANUEL MTC, HOUSTON

Come & experience this musical message

All are cordially invited

2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OFFICE BEARERS 2023	
Vicar	Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese
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Lay Leader (English)	Mr. Navid John
AREA REPRESENTATIVES	
Bethel	Mr. Mathews Varghese
Bethlehem	Mr. Varghese Rajesh Mathew
Carmel	Mrs. Mariamma Oomen
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Hebron	Mrs. Susmy Prasanth
Horeb	Mr. Rajan Daniel
Jerusalem	Mr. Daniel Varghese
Sinai	Mr. Philip Mathew
Sehion	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham
Salem	Mrs. Annamma Jacob
Sharon	
Tabor	Mr. John Varughese
CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES	
Edavaka Mission	Mr. Mathew T. Scaria
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Sevika Sanghom	Mrs. Lata Mathews
Sunday School	Mrs. Bincy Puthenmadathil
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mr. Sajan John
Young Family Fellowship	Mr. Ninan Philip Kalloor
Youth Fellowship	Mr. Alan John
Choir	
DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY & MANDALAM MEMBERS	
Diocesan Assembly	Ms. Jewel Zachariah
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Diocesan Assembly	Mr. Siju Philip
Sabha Mandalam	Mr. M. G. Mathew
OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS	
Administrator & Scheduler	Mr. Zachariah Koshy
Facility Manager	Mr. John Varghese
Facility Manager	Mr. John P. Mathew
Technology Director	Mr. Abraham Kurien
AUDITORS	
Auditor	Mr. John Varghese
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