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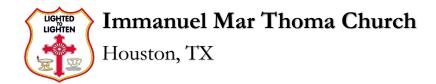
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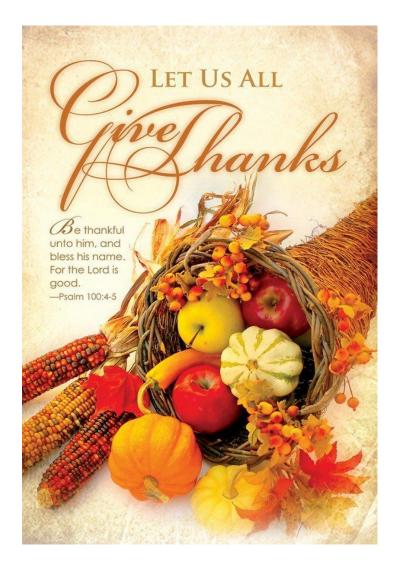
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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOV. 2023

Nov. 05	World Sunday school day: children to be partakers		
10.30 am	English HQ assisted by Sunday school	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Prov. 3: 1-8 1 John 3: 1-12 Eph. 6: 1-4 John 6: 1-14
Nov. 12	Renewal of the Church		
9.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Edavaka Mission	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 49:1-6 Acts 16:19-34 Gal. 1:11-17 Luke 12:41-48
Nov. 19	Hope Sunday: Differently Abled		
10:30 am	English HQ assisted by HOPE parents & volunteers	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isah. 35:1-10 Acts. 14:1-10 1Thes. 5:12-22 Luke : 14:12-14
Nov. 26	Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday		
8.00 am	G3 CFF & English HQ assisted by CFF	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Zach. 2: 10-13 Rom: 1:1-7 1 Cor: 1: 26-31 Luke 1: 26-38
10.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Yuvajana Sakhyam	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Dan. 1: 11-17 1 Pet 3: 13-18 1 Tim: 4: 11-16 Matt. 7: 21-27
Dec. 03	The meeting that shares the good news of salvation		
8.00 am	English HQ assisted by the Sehion area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen. 33: 1-15 2 Cor. 1: 3-10 Rom. 15: 5-9 Luke 1: 39-45
10.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by the Sharon area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Gen. 33: 1-15 2 Cor. 1: 3-10 Rom. 15: 5-9 Luke 1: 39-45

# JUBILEE PROJECT FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY

October 22, 2023



**Blessing the Foundation Stone** 



**Laying the Foundation Stone** 

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#### FROM THE VICAR'S DESK



#### Dearly Beloved in Christ,

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

As we enter the month of November, the world around us is adorned with vibrant hues of autumn, and there is a tangible sense of change in the air. November invites us to pause, reflect, and embrace the spirit of gratitude. As a faithful community, we are called to reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Even in times of uncertainty and challenges, we can find reasons to be thankful. The simple act of being alive, surrounded by loved ones, and having community of faith to turn to is a blessing that we should never take for granted.

One of the most beautiful aspects of November is the celebration of Thanksgiving. It's a time when families come together to share a meal and express their gratitude for the abundance in their lives. Let us not forget that the act of giving thanks is not limited to one day but is something we should practice daily. Take a moment each day to count your blessings, no matter how small they may seem, and thank God for His abundant grace. Look around us and recognize the beauty in the world, the love of family and friends, and the countless gifts that grace our life. In gratitude, we find contentment, and in contentment, we find peace.

Let us also remember those who are less fortunate, especially as the weather gets colder. Let us extend a helping hand to those in need, whether it be through donating warm clothing, volunteering at a local shelter, or simply offering a kind word to someone who is struggling. In doing so, we embody the spirit of love and compassion that Jesus taught us.

As we approach the Advent season and prepare our heart and mind for the coming of Christ, let us do so with hearts full of gratitude. Let us prepare not only for the celebration of Jesus' birth but also for the ongoing presence of Christ in our lives. The word 'Advent' itself means 'coming' or 'arrival' and during this sacred season, we focus on the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Just as the world awaited His birth over two thousand years ago, we now await His coming into our hearts and lives in a deeper and more meaningful way. This year's "house to house" caroling is starting from this month. All are expected to cooperate prayerfully.

Our Diocesan Episcopa Rt. Rev.Dr.Isaac Mar Philoxenos Thirumeni have blessedly laid the foundation stone for the construction work of our Jubilee Project. As a result of our prayers and working together for a long time, we were able to start this construction work. Hope everyone will pray and wholeheartedly support for the completion of the same on time.

May this be a month of reflection, gratitude, and generosity. Let us be mindful of the blessings we have received and share them with others, for it is in giving that we receive, and in gratitude, we find true joy. In unity and faith, let us walk together through this season of Advent, embracing the hope, peace, joy, and love that it brings into our lives.

In His Service, Rev.Santhosh Thomas, Asst. Vicar.

#### Family, a place of forgiveness...

There is no perfect family.

We do not have perfect parents - you are not perfect yourself. We do not marry a perfect person or we do not have perfect children.

There is no healthy marriage or healthy family without the exercise of forgiveness. Forgiveness is the medicine of family joy and happiness

Forgiveness is vital to our emotional health and spiritual survival. No matter the offence or who is the offender. Without forgiveness, the family becomes an arena of conflict and a fortress of evil.

Without forgiveness, the family becomes sick and unhealthy.

Forgiveness is the asepsis of the soul, the purification of the spirit and the liberation of the heart. No sin is too big to be forgiven.

He who does not forgive does not have peace in his soul and can not have communion with God.

Keeping heartache of unforgiving in your heart is a self-destructive gesture. It's autophagy.

Those who do not forgive are physically, emotionally and spiritually ill. And they will suffer in two ways.

For this reason, the family must be a place of life and not a place of death; a place of forgiveness, a place of paradise and not a place of hell; A healing territory and not a disease; an internship of forgiveness and not guilt.

.....POPE FRANCIS

### NOV. BIBLE QUIZ QUESTIONS

### **Bible Portion: Proverbs 1-10 Chapters**

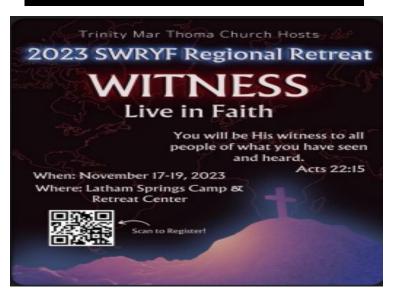
- 1. What is the beginning of knowledge?
- 2. King Solomon instructs us to look at the ant and learn what?
- 3. What happens when you rebuke a wise man?
- 4. The Lord does not let the ----- go hungry. Fill in the gap.
- 5. A wise son brings --- to his father. Fill the gap.

Answers for October Bible Quiz:

1) 139:4, 2)140:1-3, 3)141:5, 4) 144:4, 5) 150.

[ Psalms 137-150]

#### CAMPS/RETREATS



#### SOUTHWEST REGIONAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

The Southwest Regional YF Retreat will be held on November 17th - 19th at Latham Springs Camp and Retreat Center. We strongly encourage all youth between the ages 12 and 18 to register and attend this retreat. Early Bird registration ends on October 13th.

#### CONDOLENCES

Mr. Joy Zachariah, 76 years old, older brother of Mr. Mathew Zachariah ID # 165 of the Sinai area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Kallissery, Kerala.

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

## CALENDAR

■ October	<b>November 2023</b> December ▶					December ►
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 AM Prayer	2 6 AM Prayer	3 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer	4 10 AM Senior Fellowship 11 AM Regional Sunday School Teachers program
			8 PM Ephatha	7.30 PM Edavaka Mission Prayer & Chain Prayer	5.30 PM <u>House Warming</u> 7. PM Prayer Annamma Lukose	6 pm Prayer Benny 7.30 pm Prayer Sinai
9.30 AM Sunday School 10.30 AM English Service World Sunday School	6 6 AM Prayer	<b>7</b> 6 AM Prayer	8 6 AM Prayer	9 6 AM Prayer	10 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer	11 12 Baptism 5 PM Subcommittee 7.15 PM Prayer
Day Xuvajanasakhvam Cottage Prayer	7.30 PM EdavakaMission Diocesan Prayer meeting		8 PM Ephatha	7.30 PM Edavaka Mission Prayer		
8.30 AM Sunday School 9.30 AM Malayalam Service, Edayaka Mission Sunday General Body Meeting 6 PM Prayer Ebenezar	13 6 AM Prayer 7.30 PM Edaveka Mission Center Prayer meeting	14 6 AM Prayer	15 6 AM Prayer 8 PM Exhatba	16 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Pakal Veedu 7.30 PM Edavaka Mission Prayer	17 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer	18 9 AM HOPE Picnic Xuualianasakhyan Picnic
19 9 3.0 AM Sunday Sachool 10. 30AM English Service HOPE Sunday	20 6 AM Prayer 7. 30 Pm <u>Súauaka</u> Mission Regional Meeting	<b>21</b> 6 AM Prayer	22 6 AM Prayer 8 PM Ephatba	23 6 AM Prayer 10 AM <u>Thanks</u> <u>Giving</u> Service- Holy Qurbana 7.30 PM Edavaka Mission Prayer	24 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer	25
26 8.00 AM G3 CFF & English Service 9.30 AM Sunday School 10.30 AM Malayalam Service, Xuuajanasakkyana Sunday House to House	27 6 AM Prayer 7.30 PM Sevika Sangkoo Cater Meeting	28 6 AM Prayer	29 6 AM Prayer 8 PM Exhatha	30 6 AM Prayer		

# Yuvajana Sakhyam Cottage Prayer Meeting:

On Sunday, November 5th right after the worship service at the residence of Mr. Prashanth & Susmy (ID # 429). Their address is: 2607 Seabold Dr., Missouri City, TX 7745

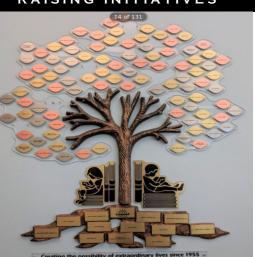
## ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

	Nevy Cunday asked starts @ 0.20
Sunday School	Nov.: Sunday school starts @ 9.30 am Nov. 4: SWR Center B Teacher's Training
Sunday School	Nov. 5: World Sunday School day
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Sevika Sanghom	Nov. 11: SWR Center B Kalamela at
	St.Thomas MTC from 8 am to 4 pm
	Prayer Meeting @ 7.30 pm via Zoom
Edavaka Mission	(Every Thursday)
	Nov. 04: Monthly Meeting @ 10.00 am
Senior Fellowship	Nov. 16: Pakalveedu gathering
	Nov. 23: HQ in Malayalam @ 10 am
HOPE	Nov. 19: HOPE Sunday
IMAFF	Nov. 04: Prayer meeting @ 7.00 pm at V.M .
	Georgekutty's residence in Pearland (ID 548)
AREA PRAYER GROUPS	Horeb area prayer meeting: Friday Nov. 3rd @ 7.00 pm at the residence of Mrs. Annamma Lukose (ID # 217). Address: 5402 Mason Glen Ct., Sugar Land, TX 77479.  Sehion area prayer meeting: Saturday Nov. 4th @ 6.30 pm at the residence of Mr. Thomas P.John (ID # 437). Address: 6914 Pebble Ridge Trail, Missouri City, TX 77459  Sinai area prayer meeting: Saturday Nov. 4th @ 7.30 pm at the residence of Mr. V.M. Georgekutty (ID # 548). Address: 2910 Silhouette Bay Dr., Pearland, TX 77584.  Sehion area prayer meeting: Saturday Nov. 11th @ 7.15 pm at the residence of Mr. Mathew Varughese (ID # 677). Address: 4719 Pecos Ridge lane, Sugarland, TX 77479.  Ebenezer area prayer meeting: Sunday Nov.12th @ 6.00 pm at the residence of Mr. Ajay Thomas (ID # 276). Address: is 2902 Auburn Path, Sugarland, TX 77479.





### NEW JUBILEE PROJECT FUND-RAISING INITIATIVES



#### 1. Donor Tree:

Church Members who have donated more than \$15,000 dollars towards the Jubilee Project will be recognized on a donor tree that will be featured on a wall in the Jubilee Hall.

**2. Room Sponsorships**: Church Members or church organizations will have the opportunity to sponsor a new room that will be constructed as a part of the Jubilee project. *Sponsors will be recognized on a 15 x 12-inch plaque that will be placed at the door entrance to that room.* 

Available rooms (as of 10/27/23) are as follows:

Multipurpose Rooms (1) @ \$25,000.

We have received sponsorships for the following:

Jubilee Hall = \$50,000.00

Basketball Court @ \$50,000.00

Basketball Court @ \$50,000.00

Multi-purpose Room = \$25,000.00

Multi-purpose Room = \$25,000.00

HOPE room for \$25,000.

Clergy Room = \$15,000.00

Meeting Room = \$15,000.00



# NOVEMBER 2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Jacob John	Susan John	10-Nov
John K Philip	Ajini John	10-Nov
Samkuty Mathew	Liziamma Mathew	10-Nov
Joji Itty	Ani P. Varghese	10-Nov
Sam M. George	Lincy E. George	10-Nov
Joby George Cherian	Bianca Thresia Alexander	11-Nov
Tom Mathew	Dr. Priya Mathew	12-Nov
Lijoy Samuel	Magie M. John	12-Nov
Mathew Mammen	Shoba Sara Mathew	13-Nov
Alexander Jacob	Sherly Mariam Mathew	14-Nov
Philip Mathew	Renjitha Philip	15-Nov
Cyril J. Varkey	Sonia Babu	16-Nov
Bobby Kalathoor	Sarah Philip Kalathoor	17-Nov
Mathews Varghese	Lata Mathews	17-Nov
K. A. Mathew	Mariamma Mathew	18-Nov
Manoj Kanneri	Sony Sam Jacob	18-Nov
Sam Chacko	Darly Sam	19-Nov
Mathew Varghese	Reena M. Varghese	19-Nov
Prasad Kunjukunju	Jolly Prasad	20-Nov
Aju Kurien John	Jesmin Aju John	20-Nov
Anil Mathew	Bindu Anil Mathew	22-Nov
John C Varkey	Sujamol John	22-Nov
Thomas Varghese	Annamma Varghese	23-Nov
Varghese Matthew	Saramma Mathew	23-Nov
Dr. George Mammen	Geeta Mammen	24-Nov
Thomas John	Renu Thomas John	24-Nov
Thomas K. Puthenmadathil	Marykutty Puthenmadathil	27-Nov
V. Varghese	Rachel Varghese	28-Nov
Cherian K. Abraham	Valsamma Cherian	28-Nov
Aji George Varughese	Ruby Varughese	28-Nov
P.I. Cherian	Daisy Cherian	28-Nov
Thomas Varghese	Daisy Varghese	29-Nov
Thomas Cheriyan	Suja Cheriyan	29-Nov
Itty Oommen Kandathil	Aleyamma Itty	29-Nov



# NOVEMBER 2023 BIRTHDAYS



Soniya Kuruvilla		Mary Abraham	
Jeffery Sam Saban			
Serena Alyse Pappachen	1-Nov	Thomas M. Varghese	8-Nov
Sneha Susan Binu		Savannah Sapna John	
Thankam Abraham		Grace Jereesh John	
Robin T. Mathew		Pradeep P. Thomas	
Marilyn Varghese			
Leah Anna Grace Luke		Aaron Thomas	9-Nov
Jiny Eapen	2-Nov	Katelyn Marie Thomas	9-1100
Luke Mathew Ninan	2 1101	Sarah Roshan Varghese	
Lucas Samuel		Isaiah Mathew Abraham	
Nitya Chacho Mamattil		Joseph Varghese	
Deepa Thomas			
Ninan Philip Kalloor		Dave Reji Kurian	
Shalini Pappachan		Sherry Joshy	10-Nov
Sinu Thomas George	3-Nov	Johanna M. Varghese	
Liny Chacko		Keziah Grace Sajo	
Sano Samuel		Rezian Grace Sajo	
Purva Vinay Panchal	4-Nov	Anup Titus	
Saban P Samuel		Raju Varghese	
John K Philip		Ryan Abraham	
Ayden Benneykutty	5-Nov		
Shibu P. Varghese		Mini T. Luke	11-Nov
Leelamma Thomas		Angela R. Eapen	
Christina Philip Oricompil		Kristin Aliya Sajo	
Sibin Chacko		Jalaja Joseph	
Bino Thomas	6-Nov	Beena M. John	12-Nov
Maya Valiaparambil			
Shiji Kuruvilla		Jelin Jose	
Dr. Susan Ninan Mathew		Rhea M. Mathew	
Toji M. Samuel		Sajan David Mathew	13-Nov
Ponnamma George		Taijus John Mathew	13-1107
Nathan Zack Pappachen	7-Nov		
Varghese Rajesh Mathew		Bijoy Puthenmadathil	
Jacob Dennis Mathew		Renil John Cherian	



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Lillian Grace Samuel		Joel Philip John	
Evelyn Payton Philip	14-Nov	Prasanth K Krasta	1
Leah Ann Mathew	14 1107		
Shaiji Thomas		Nathaniel J. Roy	•
Sally J. Samuel		Rajeev Thomas	22-Nov
Jamie George		Hannah Titus	
Abraham P. Mathew	_	Dr. Jessen Ann Rajan	
Ricky Kuruvilla	15-Nov	Mariyamma Thankachan	
Naysa Alex		Mohit Kanneri	
Merlyn Maria Varghese		Jerin G. Joseph	
Jerrin Saji John		Sharon R. Varghese	1
Sara Thomas			1
Akash Daniel Mathew		Brian Abraham	23-Nov
John Jacob	16-Nov	Ajay Thomas Mathew	
Christian Gracious John	_	Bibin George	
Abiel Kurian		Betty Thomas	
Lucas Kurian Samuel		Sosamma Varghese	
Aleyamma Abraham		Sunitha Elsa Valayil	04 N
Liny Kalathoor	_	Thomas Samuel	24-Nov
Thomas Abraham Pullattu	17-Nov	Mariamma Mathew	
Rahul Mathew Abraham			
Susan Punnoose		Mary Mathew	
Adriel Abram Mevin		Achamma Varghese	
Alwina M. Thomas	18-Nov	Jolly C. Kurian	
Micah Cherian Mathew		Reji Eapen	
Dr. Latha Manoj George	_	Aleayamma Koshy	
Jaiden Shibu	40.11	Blessy Johns Abraham	05 N
Daniel Jim Green	19-Nov	Aria Elizabeth Mathew	25-Nov
Teena Mathew	_	Derrick Manosh Thomas	1
Hozanna Mariam George			1
Mathew C. M.	00 N	Sony Siju Varghese	
Nikhil Mathew	20-Nov	Anil Jacob John	
Rayna Mary Mathew		Roshini Babu	
Mariakutty Yohannan	_	Anil Philip Varghese	
Thankamony Varghese	-	Usha Kuruvilla	
Jaise K. Johnson	21-Nov	Shalini Sarah Thomas	]
David Prize	∠1-NOV	Shini Shaji	26-Nov
Sherryl S. Mathew	-		1
Alyssa Daniel	-	Samkuty Mathew	
Jaiden George		Kezia Jacob	





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Elizabeth Raju		Achamma Mathew	
Sarah Varghese		Benny Kalathoor	1
Rachelamma Koshy			29-Nov
Rosakutty Samuel		bhigith V. George	
Jerrin T. Varghese	27-Nov	Anwin Saji	
Neha M. George		M. K. Thomas	
Karen Sara Koshy		John Chacko	
Lesiley Susan Mathew		Ancy Thomas	1
Mariamma Thomas		Cherian Zachariah	1
Bob Varghese			30-Nov
Ethan Kuriakose Luke		Ajel. M. John	
Annie Philip	28-Nov	Isaac Chandi Thomas	
Evelin Mary Sam		Zeema Daniel	
Mariamma Philip		Ethan Varghese Thayil	





# NOVEMBER 2023 WEDDINGS



Roni Mathew	Lisa Mathew	1-Nov
Joby Zachariah	Reeja Joby	2-Nov
Eype P. Thomas	Mariamma Eype	3-Nov
Abraham Mannaickal	Shyla Abraham	4-Nov
Mammen Mathew	Susan Mathew	5-Nov
Dr. Sherwin B. Oommen	Savannah Sapna John	5-Nov
George M. Abraham	Leena Abraham	7-Nov
Sam Thomas	Annamma Thomas	7-Nov
Jayson John	Soumya Mariam Oommen	8-Nov
Shibu Varghese	Preethy Philip	8-Nov
Bhasilal Mathai	Valsa Mathai	9-Nov
Varghese Philip	Thankamony Varghese	9-Nov