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NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2024

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| Sept. 01 Education that leads to Divine truths | | | |
| 8:00 AM | English HQ assisted by Sinai area prayer group | 1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel | Prov. 4:1-11 1 Cor. 1:18-25 Rom 11: 33 -36 John. 14: 5-14 |
| 10:30 AM | Malayalam HQ assisted by Tabor area prayer group | 1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel | Prov. 4:1-11 1 Cor. 1:18-25 Rom 11: 33 -36 John. 14: 5-14 |
| Sept. 08 Women: Witnesses of the Gospel | | | |
| 8:00 AM | G3 & English HQ assisted by YF | Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel | Ruth. 4: 1-12 Acts 16: 11-15 Gal. 3: 26-29 Luke 8:1-3 |
| 10:30 AM | Malayalam HQ assisted by Sevika Sanghom | Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel | Ruth. 4: 1-12 Acts 16: 11-15 Gal. 3: 26-29 Luke 8:1-3 |
| Sept. 15 Sr. Citizens: Model for the Generations | | | |
| 10:30 AM | English HQ assisted by Sr. Citizens | Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel | Gen 48: 1-22 Phil. 2:12-18 2 Tim. 4:1-8 Luke 2: 25-38 |
| Sept. 19 Thursday Holy Qurbana | | | |
| 10:00 AM | Malayalam Holy Communion | | |
| Sept. 22 HQ: Foretaste of the Kingdom of God | | | |
| 8:00 AM | G3 CFF & English HQ assisted by CFF | 1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel | Exod.12:21-28 Acts 2: 42-47 1 Cor.11:23-30 Matt. 26:26-29 |
| 10:30 AM | Malayalam HQ assisted by Bethel Area Prayer group | 1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel | Exod.12:21-28 Acts 2: 42-47 1 Cor. 11:23-30 Matt. 26:26-29 |
| Sept 29 Prayer: Constant Communion with God | | | |
| 10:30 AM | G3 & English HQ assisted by YF | 1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel | Prov. 30:4-9 Acts. 12:1-12 Eph. 3:14 -21 Matt 6: 5-15 |

SWRYF TOURNAMENT WINNERS



Immanuel Mar Thoma Church

Annual Picnic






Join us for Fun, Food and Fellowship!

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPT. 7TH
WHERE: KITTY HOLLOW PARK
9555 HIGHWAY 6, MISSOURI CITY
8:30AM - 2:30PM




IMMANUEL MIDDLE AGE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP (IMAFF)
12803 Sugar Ridge Blvd, Stafford, TX 77477



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PLATINUM

OCT. 13
SUN. 5.00 PM
At Immanuel Center

A Charitable Fundraiser ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM WITH DINNER

Dance, Music, Skit & Various
 ***** Entertainment Programs *****

| 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| OFFICE BEARERS | | |
| Vicar | Rev. Joseph John | 713.330.5299 |
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| 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 |
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| Diocesan Assembly | Ms. Jewel Zachariah | 832.334.8622 |
| Diocesan Assembly | Mr. Siju Philip | 516.503.5589 |
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| OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS | | |
| IMC Administrator Scheduler | - | - |
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| IMC Facility Manager | Mr. John P. Mathew | 832.656.1836 |
| Technology Director | Mr. Abraham Kurien | 832.623.2330 |
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| Auditor | Mr. Aji Daniel | 832.846.0763 |

FROM THE ASST. VICAR'S DESK



Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,

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

In Ecclesiastes 3:1: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." This verse encourages us to reflect on the seasons of our lives—times of joy, growth, challenge, and renewal. Just as nature transitions from summer to autumn, so too do our spiritual lives.

September, with its crisp air and changing leaves, is a perfect time to pause, seek God's guidance, and embrace the unique season He has placed us in. Whether we are planting or harvesting, let us be faithful stewards of the time God has given us, always drawing closer to Him and one another.

This month is special for our Parish, with two cherished events: our Parish Picnic and Parish Convention. The Parish Picnic is a time for us to come together in joy and fellowship, to unwind in the beauty of God's creation, and to strengthen the bonds that make our church community so vibrant. I encourage each of you to join us on September 7th, bringing your loved ones to share in the laughter and warmth of our church family. Our Parish Convention offers a profound opportunity for spiritual enrichment and renewal. From September 20th to 22nd, through inspiring messages, worship, and collective prayer, we will seek to deepen our relationship with God and with each other. I encourage everyone of you to attend and participate fully, allowing this time to be a source of spiritual nourishment and guidance for your life.

Our Sunday school classes are restarted. Kindly make sure all our children are attending the classes regularly. Their regular attendance is helping to grow in faith and understanding. Sunday School is a place to learn about God's love, build friendships, and discover the joy of following Christ. I encourage you to attend regularly.

Let us remember Psalm 133:1, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" May this September be a season of unity, growth, and abundant blessings for all. May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Santhosh Thomas, Asst. Vicar

JUBILEE PROJECT UPDATE

Construction activities are continuing to progress for the Jubilee Project. The concrete foundation has been poured for the Jubilee Hall. At the same time the steel structure for the gymnasium is being assembled and will take a couple of weeks to complete. After this, the steel structure for the Jubilee Hall will be assembled once the beams arrive in the second week of September. Plumbing inlets and sewers and domestic lines will also be run.

Please continue to support the project financially 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.

WWW.IMMANUELMTC.ORG

We invite members to check out the updated church website with new features and functionalities at www.immanuelmtc.org. There are several new features like updated lectionary, Bible Verses in three different languages, various channels for our organizations, exclusive channels for media that include podcasts, video and photo galleries, exclusive section for our church history, and that of the North American Diocese.

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

AREA PRAYER GROUPS

Salem area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday September 1st at 7 pm at the residence of Mr. P.M. Jacob (ID # 101). Address: 14506 Lofty Mountain Trail, Houston, TX.

Ebenezer area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday September 1st at 5 pm at the residence of Mr. Richard Philip (ID # 504). Address: 16806 Wil-low Bend Ct., Sugarland, TX

Sehion area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday September 22nd at 6 pm at the residence of Mr. Shiju George (ID # 476). Address: 4506 Marilee Chris Ct., Sugarland, TX

Sinai area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday September 29th at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. George C. Philip (ID # 581). Address: 4726 Abercorn St., Rosharon, TX

Hebron area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Saturday September 28th at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Sam Abraham (ID # 556). Address: 4806 Hickory Branch Ln., Sugarland, TX



Immanuel Center
For all your Celebrations

MEMBERS RATE FROM \$350
(FELLOWSHIP HALL) AND IMMANUEL CENTER
FROM \$1000
CLEANING AND SET UP EXTRA

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT
JOHN MATHEW 832 656 1836
JOHN VARGHESE 832 938 8664

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/7 - Parish Picnic @ Kitty Hollow Park, M. City
- 9/20 - 9/22- Parish Convention
- 10/26 - Auction (Tentative)
- 11/17 - Parish Day
- 11/30- House to House Christmas Caroling starts
- 12/24 - Christmas Carol Service
- 12/30 -12/31 – Year End Retreat



ZELLE PAYMENTS

Making Payments to Church Using Zelle

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SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



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| Vijo Zachariah & Jincy Philip | 1-Sep |
| Allen John Jacob & Dancy John | 2-Sep |
| George C Philip & Sosamma George Philip | 2-Sep |
| Justin J. Samuel & Lida Susan Abraham | 2-Sep |
| George K. Eapen & Saramma Eapen | 4-Sep |
| Vinney Samuel & Nisha V. Samuel | 4-Sep |
| Roy Philip K & Anieamma Joseph | 4-Sep |
| Yohannan Mathunny & Saramma Mathunny | 6-Sep |
| Thomas Abraham & Alicekutty Thomas | 7-Sep |
| Dr.Reji John & Haley Nicole Sooudi | 7-Sep |
| Bibin George Mathew & Meera Rose Alexander | 9-Sep |
| Mathai P. Koshy & Sosamma Koshy | 10-Sep |
| Charlie P. Matthew & Suma C. Matthew | 10-Sep |
| Alex Thomas & Susan Alex | 10-Sep |
| Blessy Johns Abraham & Julie P John | 10-Sep |
| Abraham Varughese & Selin Varghese | 10-Sep |
| Philip M. Abraham & Marimma Abraham | 11-Sep |
| Rency Koshy & Remya Mariam Rency | 11-Sep |
| John P. Mathew & Aney K. John | 12-Sep |
| Kurian George & Sosamma George | 13-Sep |
| Toji M. Samuel & Beena Toji Samuel | 15-Sep |
| Thomas Mathen & Bobby Mathew | 15-Sep |
| Binu Alexander & Akxa Alex | 15-Sep |
| Anil Valiaparambil & Beena Valiaparambil | 15-Sep |
| Saji T. Koruthu & Annamma Koruthu | 16-Sep |
| Kuruvilla John & Soniya Kuruvilla | 16-Sep |
| Reno Samuel & Somy Samuel | 16-Sep |
| Joseph Varkey & Thankamoni S.Varghese | 18-Sep |
| Roy Jacob & Reena Roy | 18-Sep |
| Aby V. George & Anuja George | 20-Sep |
| Joy N. Samuel & Sally J. Samuel | 22-Sep |
| Gene G. Abraham & Jennifer Susan Chacho | 24-Sep |
| Mathew Jacob & Jocelyn Ann Thomas | 25-Sep |
| Varghese Sebastian & Dr. Susy Varghese | 26-Sep |
| Liju James & Lena James | 27-Sep |
| Mathew C. Samuel & Mariakutty Samuel | 28-Sep |
| Richard Philip & Dr. Cindy Jacob | 28-Sep |
| Rajeev Thomas & Achamma Rejeev | 29-Sep |
| Ajay Jacob Sam & Reenu Sara Sam | 29-Sep |
| George Mathew & Ammini George | 30-Sep |
| Premadas Mammazhiyil & Sherine P. Mercily | 30-Sep |
| Reju Eapen & Jiny Eapen | 30-Sep |
| George Varghese & Reena George | 30-Sep |

ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Sunday School | Sept. 9:30 am -Sunday school starts |
| Senior Fellowship | Sept. 12: Pakalveedu Fellowship @ 10 am Sept. 19: HQ in Malayalam @ 10 am |
| Sevika Sanghom | Sept. 08: Sevika Sanghom Day Sept. 21: Cottage prayer meeting @ the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Varghese (ID # 264). |

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

New Student Registration

Please e-mail sundayschool.imtc@gmail.com to register any new students in the Sunday School. If your student attended Sunday School last year, there is no need to register them again.

Immanuel Family Night on October 13th

Calling teacher and parent volunteers to help choreograph a dance program for the IMAFF-sponsored Immanuel Family Night. Please send an e-mail to Mr. Jim Thomas at sundayschool.imtc@gmail.com if interested.

PARISH CONVENTION

The parish Convention will be held from Sept. 20-22. **Very Rev. K.Y. Jacob** will be the main speaker. On Friday & Saturday, the convention will start at 7 pm. Please pray that the convention will be a blessed event that will bring about a renewal in our spiritual life.

CONDOLENCES

- 1.Mr. Saji Varghese, 55 years old, co-brother of Mr. Abraham John (ID # 655) of the Sharon area prayer group was taken to his heavenly abode in Houston, Texas.
 - 2.Mrs. Annamma Philipose, 78 years old, aunt of Dr. Jereesh John (ID # 700) of the Hebron area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Thottakad, Kerala.
 3. Mr. Jacob Chacko. 88 years old, (ID # 172) of the Ebenezer area prayer group, father of Mr. Jackson V. Jacob (ID # 215) and Mr. Thomson Jacob (ID # 392) was taken to his heavenly abode in Houston, Texas. Mr. Jacob Chacko was a founding member of our church. His many contribution to the parish are recalled here with many thanks.
 - 4.Mr. Varghese Eapen, 77 years old, father of Mr. Reju A. Eapen (ID # 468) of the Sehion area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Pullad, Kerala.
- The Vicars and members of the Immanuel Parish express our heartfelt condolences. May our thoughts and prayers comfort and console the families during this time of bereavement.



SEPTEMBER 2024 BIRTHDAYS



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|-------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------|
| Susamma Thomas | | Dr. Sam Joseph | |
| Adam T. Thadikkal | 1-Sep | Sara Sam | |
| Vino Cherian | 2-Sep | Aleena Susan Mathew | 8-Sep |
| Anna Laura Dominguez | | Cherian K. Abraham | |
| Chacko Jacob | | Mekha S Thomas | |
| Ann Liz Terish | | Edwin Kuruville | |
| David Thomas Mathew | | Bini George | 9-Sep |
| Raymond Christopher | | Ansu J. Abraham | |
| Leah Thomas | 3-Sep | Sonia Mariam Sajo | |
| Keira Malini Thomas | | Regi Pappachan | 10-Sep |
| Seena M. Keerikattu | | Emil Mathew Mathews | 11-Sep |
| Asha M. Philip | | Betsy Sam | |
| Rhiana Pappachen | 4-Sep | Jason Varghese | |
| Joe B. Varghese | | Rachel Mathew | |
| Josh B. Varghese | | Anna George | |
| Shejo Joe Cherian | | Alexander Samuel | |
| Sonia Varghese | | Shreya S. Joy | |
| Tina George | | John Varughese | 12-Sep |
| Dr. Julie Ann Mathew | | Jacob John | |
| Abraham Mathew | 5-Sep | Gene G. Abraham | |
| Joshua Chacko | | Reji V. Kurian | |
| Jacob John | | Johnson Thomas | |
| Praveen Varghese Philip | | Aiden Zach Thomas | |
| Sheena Ann Varghese | 6-Sep | Arun T. Benni | 13-Sep |
| Joseph Chandy | | Jims P. Varghese | |
| Sanjna John | | Preethy Philip | |
| Sanjay Philip | | Abraham K. John | |
| Mathew Varghese | 7-Sep | Issac Chacko Philip | |
| | | Libi Abraham | |
| | | Ajay Jacob Sam | 14-Sep |



SEPTEMBER 2024 BIRTHDAYS (CONTD)



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|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| George M. Abraham | | Suja T. Keerikattu | |
| George John | | Nicole Stephen | |
| Jibin Philip | | Suja Cherian | |
| Thomas K Varughese | | Ancy John | |
| Saramma Shaji | | Thompson Jacob | |
| Kiara Philip | 15-Sep | Angelynn Reni Kavalayil | |
| Annette A. Varghese | | Zayne Joseph Thadikkal | 23-Sep |
| Dr.Reji John | | Liju James | |
| Rev. Jaison A Thomas | 16-Sep | Jacob Kunnumpurath | |
| Lejoy V. Mathew | | Silas Mathew Jacob | |
| Eype P. Thomas | 17-Sep | Somy Samuel | |
| Oommen K. Mathew | | Thomas Daniel | |
| Ryan John | | Sunil Mathew Zachariah | |
| Joshua Matthew Jacob | | Genu Varghese | |
| Mattson Thomas | | Nirmal Mathew, Koruthu | |
| Nikha Elizabeth John | | Ammini Abraham | 24-Sep |
| Arlene Ann Thomas | 18-Sep | Annamma Thomas | |
| Levi Jerome Eapen | | Aleyamma Idiculla | |
| Sherly Thomas | 19-Sep | Emma Elizabeth Abraham | |
| George Mathew | | Susamma George | |
| Dr. George Mammen | | Caleb Ambalavelil Thomas | |
| Levi Samuel | | Liju John Thomas | 25-Sep |
| Michael Brian Samuel | | Dr. Laji James | |
| Ryan M. Varghese | 20-Sep | Ajith Jacob | |
| Sunu A. Mathew | 21-Sep | Jimmy George | |
| Ryan C. Roy | | Alexander Ajo Thomas | |
| Brinda Grace Varghese | | Asher Lino Samuel | |
| Bobby Mathew | | Jane Chacko | 26-Sep |
| Siju Varghese | | Mariamamma Thomas | |
| Emil Ann George | | Anugraha Elsa Johnson | |
| Eric Philip George | | Ayaan Sunil Zachariah | |
| Dan M. Sanil | 22-Sep | Joel C. John | |
| | | Seina Mary Saji | |
| | | Melvin K Philip | 27-Sep |
| | | Koshy Thekethundiyil | |
| | | Jennifer S. George | |
| | | Dr. Abraham Chacko Jr | |
| | | Ethen George Shetty | |
| | | Annie Varghese | |
| | | Liya Joby | |
| | | Lino Samuel | |
| | | Siby P. Mathew | 28-Sep |
| | | Shane S. Mathew | |
| | | Sharon E. Jacob | 29-Sep |
| | | Annie Ponna Thomas | 30-Sep |