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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE JUNE 2024

June 02 Education that leads to Wisdom			
8:00 AM	English HQ assisted by Salem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	1 King 3: 3-14 Jame 3: 13-18 Eph 5: 9-17 Matt 7: 21-27
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Sehion area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	1 King 3: 3-14 James 3:113-18 Eph 5: 9-17 Matt 7: 21-27
June 09 Integrity of whole creation in Christ			
8:00 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 65: 17-25 Rev. 21: 1-8 Rom. 8:18-25 John 3:16-21
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Sharon area Prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 65: 17-25 Rev. 21: 1-8 Rom. 8:18-25 John 3:16-21
June 16 Call and commission to be Christ's Disciples			
10:30 AM	English HQ assisted by Sinai area prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Jere 1: 1-12 2 Cor 4:1-6 Acts 9:10-17 Matt. 4:17-22
June 23 Discipleship : the call to bear the cross			
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Tabor area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Dan. 6:10-23 2 Cor. 6: 1-10 Col. 1:24-29 Luke 9:23-27
June 30 The glorious appearance of Jesus Christ			
9:00 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Mal. 3: 13-42 Acts 1: 6-11 1Thes 4:13-18 Matt 24: 42-51

Host your events at Immanuel Center



IMTC members only rate -

IMTC Center from \$1000
Fellowship hall from \$350

SETUP & CLEANING FEE EXTRA

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



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Email address for the transaction is:

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Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,

Praise be to Lord God who “gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak,” and who has offered us these words of encouragement, “Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

I am grateful to God and the Church for the opportunity to serve as the Vicar of Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Houston. Our new assignment in this parish poses great challenges as well as holds immense possibilities. Trusting in God’s abundant grace that has strengthened the humble servants of God for generations, I commit myself for the responsibility that God has entrusted. With St Paul, I strive to gather up faith and say, “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”

I praise God with you for the ways that God has planted and nurtured Mar Thoma Church in this part of the world. Specially, I thank God for Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Houston and its journey of faith spanning nearly three decades. I thank God for the Bishops, priests and lay people who have strived hard to build up this church.

I am new to this socio-cultural context, but I do discern from the testimonies shared that walking the life of faith and living as the people of God in the North American context in these very challenging times is no easy task. Meaningful transmission of faith to the younger generation, specifically those who are born and brought up in this part of the world is no child’s play. It is crucial that we need to address these concerns as we engage in ministry.

The church is called to empower and strengthen each one of us to live the life of faith as individuals, families and as a community in relevant and practical terms. Church is a “way of being/becoming.” It is a place where we are trained to become more and more like Christ. If this process of becoming does not happen, the church becomes merely a social/cultural gathering. We need to sincerely strive, join together hand in hand to become the church, the way God wants it to be. I very much need your sincere prayers, encouragement and support as I minister towards fulfilling this great task. As a family we will be upholding each other in our prayers.

Prayerful Regards

Rev. Joseph John

JUBILEE PROJECT UPDATE

Construction activities for the Jubilee Project are progressing well and on schedule. A significant milestone was completed in the last week of May with the pouring of the foundation for the Recreation Center. Steel columns and beams are being fabricated now. Construction activities will now focus on bringing utilities to the Jubilee Hall and the Recreation Center.

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.



Recreation Center Foundation

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

AREA PRAYER GROUPS

Bethel area prayer mtg is arranged to be held on 6/2/24 @ 6 pm @ the residence of Mr. Jojy Itty (ID # 454). Address: 5555 Twin Rivers Ln, Sugarland, TX

Bethlehem area prayer will be held on 6/14/2024 @ 7:30 pm @ the residence of Mr. Manosh Thomas, (ID # 523). Address: 214 Annes way, Stafford, TX

Bethel area prayer meeting is slated to take place on 6/22/24 @ 6 pm @ the residence of Mr. John M. John (ID # 420). Address: 10 Verona Way Ct., Missouri City, TX

Hebron area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on 6/23/24 @ 7 pm at the residence of Mr. Koshy Philipkutty (ID # 349). Address: 43 Glade Park Dr., Missouri City, TX

Sinai area prayer meeting will be held on 6/23/24 @ 6:30 pm @ the residence of Mr. Philip Mathew (ID # 612). Address: 2005 Rock Praire Ct., Pearland, TX

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Alex Varghese & Reena Varghese	1-Jun
Dr. Sam Joseph & Jessy Sam	1-Jun
Abu P. Abraham & Nitya Chacho Mamattil	1-Jun
Thomas K Varughese & Jolly C. Kurian	2-Jun
Praveen Philip Sunny & Nina Pappy Nelson	2-Jun
Mathew Varghese & Annamma Mathew	3-Jun
C.P. Mathews & Sosamma Mathew	3-Jun
Isaac Philip & Bindu Philip	3-Jun
Jayson K. Varghese & Anpu Mathews Varghese	3-Jun
Dennis Mathew & Aleena Susan Mathew	3-Jun
Noble Oommen Keerikattu & Dr. Jessen Ann Rajan	4-Jun
Thomas Varughese & Betty Thomas	4-Jun
C. Thomas Yohannan & Mariakutty Yohannan	5-Jun
Koshy Thekethundyil & Rachelamma Koshy	5-Jun
Jeffery J. Eapen & Nicole Stephen	5-Jun
Anil Abraham & Alina Abraham	5-Jun
Manosh Thomas & Leena Thomas	6-Jun
Varghese Zachariah & Manju Varghese	6-Jun
Koruthu O. Keerikattu & Annie Koruthu	7-Jun
Shaji Sam Melapat & Sheela Melapat	8-Jun
Thomas Mathew & Ancy Thomas	9-Jun
K. J. Abraham & Aleyamma Abraham	9-Jun
Abraham Mathai & Nimmy Annie Abraham	9-Jun
M. G. Philip & Mini M. Philip	10-Jun
Reji K. Varughese & Kunjumol Varughese	11-Jun
John P Abraham & Annamma John	11-Jun
Dr. Sunil V. Cherry & Dr. Mariam Sara Sunil	11-Jun
Koshy Philipkutty & Saramma Philipkutty	13-Jun
Terish Mathew Thomas & Princey Terish Mathew	14-Jun
Shybu Varghese & Swapna Sara Shybu	14-Jun
Vinu Jacob Mathew & Liji Jacob	15-Jun
George K. Chacko & Sosamma George	15-Jun
Sajo Philipose & Sonia Mariam Sajo	16-Jun
Mathew P. Varghese & Mary Mathew	18-Jun
Joel M. John & Jesmi Jacob	19-Jun
William John & Emi Susan John	19-Jun
Mathew C. M. & Molly Mathew	20-Jun
Biju Abraham & Sibi Abraham	22-Jun
Sabu M. George & Manju Moses	22-Jun
Nirmal Mathew, Koruthu & Sherline Rachel David	22-Jun
Alexander Samuel & Lizy Alexander	23-Jun
George Joseph & Annie H. Joseph	24-Jun
Mason Varughese & Anumol P.G	24-Jun
Thomas P. Daniel & Elson Thomas	24-Jun
John Mathew & Beena M. John	25-Jun
Sajan Thankachan John & Merlin Daniel	25-Jun
Mathew O. Keerikattu & Lovely M. Keerikattu	27-Jun
Jeffrin C. Varghese & Soumya Sara Jeffrin	27-Jun
Aji Daniel & Leena Daniel	29-Jun
Varughese M. Varughese & Lally Varughese	30-Jun
Joe Eapen & Mini Eapen	30-Jun
Justin K. Varghese & Sheena Ann Varghese	30-Jun



JUNE 2024 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)



Tobin Thomas	12-Jun	Dr. Mathews Ninan	20-Jun	
Elizabeth James		Annamma Thomas		
Sonia E Abraham		Benzy Bennykutty		
Niya Mary Samuel		Jothan Royce Green		
Rajan Daniel		Nathan Royce Green		
Priya Samuel		Vijo Zachariah		21-Jun
LillyKutty Abraham		Elsy Jose		
Shreya Pappachen	Dolly Varghese			
Merlin Abraham Thomas	13-Jun	Christina Ann Varghese	21-Jun	
Leelamma Joseph		George T. Justin Thadikkal		
Mary Kuriakose	14-Jun	Celest Jacob	22-Jun	
Santhosh J. Kalathra		Sara Katelyn Shetti		
Arya Leanne Chacko		Joshua J. George		
Binu Benneykutty	15-Jun	Lijo Zachariah	23-Jun	
Ryan Varghese		Grace Mary Thomas		
Benjamin George Varghese	16-Jun	Julia Grace Kuruvila	24-Jun	
Labi Varghese	17-Jun	Dr. Jessie George Shetti		
Maisie Raju		Allen Philip		
Santhosh Eype		Rincy Mary Abraham	25-Jun	
Jaden Thomas Cherian		Jeswin Shibu		
Thomas Daniel		Olivia Elizabeth Mathew	26-Jun	
Angela Mariam Johnson		Elizabeth Mathew		
Siju Philip		Demis Manosh Thomas		
Bincy Puthenmadathil	18-Jun	Libu Varkey	27-Jun	
Ishara Mathew		Lalimol John		
Chacho Mathew		Julia A. Kuruvilla		
Jittin Varghese Thomas		Rency Koshy		
Deenamma Jacob		Caleb Kannethu Eapen		28-Jun
Annie Philip	Aliza M. John			
Nivin Mathew Thomas	Elizabeth Zachariah			
Bobby Thomas	19-Jun	Ajit Abraham Koshy	29-Jun	
Milan Sabu		Sneha Susan Roy		
Jessica Thomas	19-Jun	Joel Jesson	30-Jun	
Lovely M. Keerikattu		Krupa Jesson		
Rachel Mathew		Sajan Thankachan John		
Tammy A. Thomas		Sajo Philipose		
Suja Thomas		Jezril P. Thomas		
Edin Jama Sam		Anil Abraham		
Jerin Joy		Bindu George		
Aaron Mathew	Aleena Jacob			
Cecil Koshy Mathew				

ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School	June 28-30: VBS
CFF	June 7: Prayer meeting at 7 pm @ Church
Senior Fellowship	June 13: Pakalveedu Fellowship @ 10 am
Yuvajana Sakhyam	June 23: Prayer meeting after church service June 29: Blood Drive: 9 am - 3 pm
IMAAF	June 21: Prayer Meeting @ 7:30 pm at the Church
Sevika Sanghom	June 2: Bake sale, after church service June 15: School of Gamaliel (Adult VBS)

CONDOLENCES

- Mrs. Elachiamma Valayil, 94 years old, mother of Mr. Abraham G. Valayil (ID # 201) of the Sinai area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Houston, TX.
- Mrs. Annamma Varughese, 88 years old, mother of Mr. Varghese M. Varghese (ID # 199) of the Bethlehem area, Mr. Thomas Varghese (ID # 298) of the Sehion area, and the Late Mr. Alexander Varghese (ID # 389) of the Bethel area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Vennikulam, Kerala.
- Mrs. Annamma Philip, 67 years old, sister of Mr. Cherian Abraham (ID # 141) of the Carmel area prayer group, and cousin of Mr. Jama Sam (ID # 474) of the Hebron area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Bombay, India.
- Mr. John Jacob, 83 years old, father of Mr. John Jacob (ID # 390) of the Jerusalem area prayer group and brother of Mr. John Joshy (ID # 136) and brother of Mr. Mammen John (ID # 120) was called to eternal rest in Valangavattam, Kerala.
- Mrs. Annamma Chandy, 105 years old, grandmother of Mrs. Ani Joji (ID # 454) of the Bethel area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Palakkad, Kerala.
- Mr. Thomas Cherian, 80 years old, father of Mrs. Sindhu George (ID # 368) of the Sehion area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Kochi, Kerala.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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1. The IMTC VBS will be held from June 28th to June 30th. Theme for the year is, **Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God**. The key verse is "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in You." Psalm 56:3. To register your student, please fill out the form using this QR code --



Registration fees will be \$35 per child and may be paid by cash, check, or Venmo. Our Sunday School's Venmo Account handle is: @IMTC-Sunday School. Please include your child's name and age with payment.

Please consider signing up to volunteer or teach at this year's VBS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/28-6/30 - V B S
 8/9-8/11 - Southwest Regional Sports Tournament
 8/31 - IMTC Inter-Prayer Group Bible Quiz
 9/7 - Parish Picnic @ Kitty Hollow Park, M. City
 9/20 - Sunday, 9/22- Parish Convention (Tentative)
 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



INTER-PRAYER GROUP BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITIONS

Date of competition: 8/31/2024

Questions will be based on the "Book of Amos, Colossians, and St. James liturgy, from confession onwards".

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS CONTD...

Sehion area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday, 6/16/24, @ 6 pm at the residence of Mr. Thomas Varghese (ID # 298). Address: 5103 Fountain Brook Ln., Sugarland, TX 77479.

JUNE 2024 BIRTHDAYS

Aleyamma Jacob	1-Jun	Mammen John	5-Jun
Raju John		Philip M. Abraham	
Tia Mary John		Titus Eapen	
Ruby Varughese		Sherin D. Thottiyil	
Mereena John		Manosh Thomas	
Nisha V. Samuel		Samuel C. Samuel	
Aby Pappachan		Philip K Kuttappan	6-Jun
Elizabeth Thomas		Mariamamma Eype	
Aleyamma Itty		Aby V. George	
Meffy Ann Thomas		Anuja George	
Daisy Cherian		Khloe Puthenmadathil	
Varghis G. Kattappuram		Shreya Thomas	
Miriam Grace Koshy		Devin M. Sanil	7-Jun
Mollykutty Abraham	Dr. Christine Mary Abraham		
Serena A. Varghese	Grace Mathew		
Dylan Jacob	Kevin Mathew Koshy		
Grace Sara Reggy	Natan Sam Abraham		
Mariama John	Andrew John Kuruvilla		
Mariamamma J. Thomas	Phaedrus Zamorin Samuel	8-Jun	
Molly Mathew	Mathew P. Easow		
Ria Rachel Abraham	Megan Miriam Thomas		
Caleb John Eapen	Jincy John Abraham	9-Jun	
Joshua Samuel Eapen	Nathan Daniel		
George Thomas	Ian Michael Chacko		
Faith A. Eapen	Sabrina J. Jacob	10-Jun	
Susan Abraham	Chaise Mathew		
Alyssa Lynn Kalathoor	Daniel Thomas		
Sajeev G. Kutty	Koshy P. Mathew	11-Jun	
Jayden Philip	Jessey Thomas		
	Thomas M Koshy		
	Anub Philip		
	Eason Jubin Samuel		