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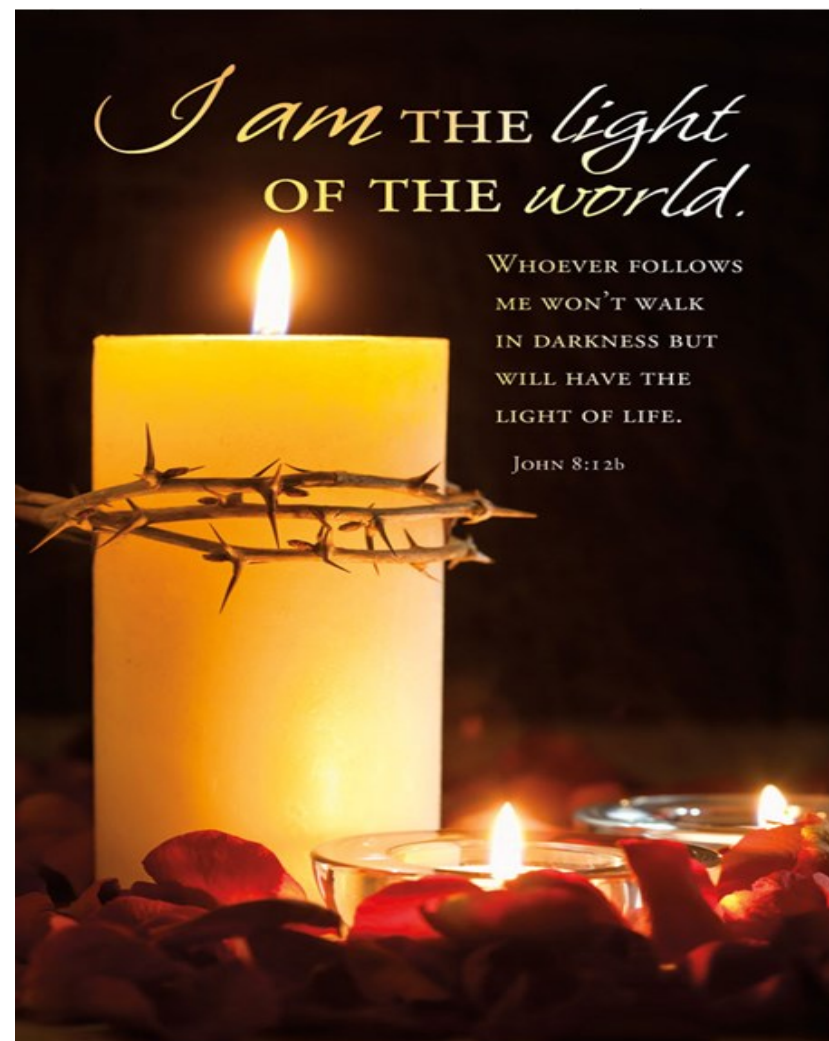
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Immanuel Mar Thoma Church

Houston, TX



**NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2024**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE JAN. 2024

Jan 07 Evangelism: Church's primary commission			
8.00 am	English HQ assisted by the Hebron area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 61: 1-11 Acts. 20: 17-24 Col. 1: 24-29 St. Matt 9: 35-38
10.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by the Horeb area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 61: 1-11 Acts. 20: 17-24 Col. 1: 24-29 St. Matt 9: 35-38
Jan. 14 Life: for the Glory of God			
10.30 am	English HQ assisted by the Jerusalem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Prov. 23:19-35 1 Thes. 5:1-11 Eph. 5:15-20 St. Matt 5: 13-16
Jan. 21 Love: the Foundation of Unity			
08.00 am	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Num. 11:23-30 1 Cor. 3:1-9 Eph. 4:1-17 St. John. 15:8-16
10.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Salem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Num. 11:23-30 1 Cor. 3:1-9 Eph. 4:1-17 St. John. 15:8-16
Jan. 28 Participation on nation building			
08.00 am	G3 CFF & English HQ assisted by CFF	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Neh. 2: 11-18 1 Pet: 2:1-12 Rom: 12: 9-21 Matt. 13: 31-34
10.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by the Sehion area prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Neh. 2: 11-18 1 Pet: 2:1-12 Rom: 12: 9-21 Matt. 13: 31-34
Feb. 04 Jesus Christ who Heals			
08.00 am	English HQ assisted by Sharon area prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	2 King. 20: 1-11 Acts. 14: 8:15 James 5: 13-18 St. John 9: 1-11
10.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Sehion area prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	2 King. 20: 1-11 Acts. 14: 8:15 James 5: 13-18 St. John 9: 1-11

2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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**JANUARY 2024 WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

Jacob Kunnumpurath & Aleyamma Jacob	17-Jan
Abraham P. Mathew & Susan Abraham	17-Jan
Peter V. John & Aleyamma John	17-Jan
Varghese Kalathoor & Beena V. Kalathoor	17-Jan
Smijo M. Mathew & Asha Serah Mathew	17-Jan
Shibu P. Varghese & Shibi Babu	17-Jan
Abraham K. Jose & Elsy Jose	18-Jan
Samuel K. George & Vidya E. George	18-Jan
Gino P. Abraham & Suma G. Abraham	18-Jan
Thomas M. Varghese & Marykutty Varghese	19-Jan
Joseph John & Annie J. John	20-Jan
Thomas Samuel & Latha Thomas	20-Jan
Shejo Joe Cherian & Reni P Raju	20-Jan
M.M. Thomas & Molykutty Thomas	21-Jan
George Philip & Annamma Philip	21-Jan
Jose K. George & Sobha Jose	23-Jan
Thomas A.S. & Mariamma Thomas	24-Jan
Bino Thomas & Mariamma Mathew	24-Jan
Ricku Philip George & Jeena Mathew Polachirackel	24-Jan
Mathew Varghese & Mary Mathew	25-Jan
Thomas Mathew & Amminikutty Thomas	26-Jan
Thomas. P.A & Sherly Thomas	26-Jan
George Thomas & Mariamma Thomas	27-Jan
Sunil Abraham & Jensy Abraham	27-Jan
Saban P Samuel & Kunjumol Saban	27-Jan
Mathew Daniel & Mariamma Mathew	28-Jan
Thomas Varghese & Susamma Thomas	29-Jan
Steve K. Joshy & Blessy Parayil Thomas	29-Jan
Rajan Daniel & Regeena Daniel	30-Jan
Charles Chacko Kuzhivila & Jaycee Chacko	30-Jan
Ashwin George Jacob & Jilu Anna George	31-Jan

FROM THE ASST. VICAR'S DESK



Dearly beloved in Christ,

In ancient Roman religion and Greek mythology, they recognized a mythical God named Janus.

Janus was the God of beginnings and transitions. He represented the facilitation of gates, doorways, passages, and endings. Janus presided over the beginning and ending of conflicts. Janus was depicted as a God with two faces on one head; and these two faces looked in the opposite direction of each other. Their direction indicated that one face looked backward as the other face looked forward. It is conventionally thought that Janus is the root from where we get the word January, the name for the first month of the year. So, for us, the history of this mythical Janus only serves to shed some historical and cultural light on the terminology and application for the month of January. It is the ideal time to look back and reflect on God's work and providence in our lives in 2023. However, it is also a time to look ahead and set a course for 2024 that leads to an expected end. It's a time to commence some things; but it's also a time to conclude some things.

As we bid farewell to the old and welcome the new year, the dawn of 2024 fills us with hope, faith, and countless blessings. Reflecting on our church community's journey, let's renew our spirits with the timeless message of love, mercy, and compassion. May the light of Christ guide us through the darkness we face. As one community, united by Christ's love, let us carry out His teachings and spread the message of love in every aspect of our lives. With open hearts to God's grace and a mind ready to receive His wisdom, let the lessons of the past inform our choices, turning challenges into opportunities for spiritual growth and resilience.

May our church be a beacon of hope, a sanctuary of support, and a source of inspiration in 2024. Together, let us make a significant impact by extending kindness, empathy, and understanding to those around us. In this new year, may we find comfort in our faith, strength in unity, and joy in fellowship. May the blessings of the Lord be abundant, and His love surround us at every moment. In the spirit of the new year, let us resolve to deepen our connection with God, cherish relationships within the church family, and continue our mission to be a force for good in the world.

Last month, we joyfully engaged in house-to-house caroling and celebrated the Christmas season with a heartwarming carol service at the church. Thanks for joining us in spreading the festive cheer and sharing the spirit of Christmas with our community. Your participation made these events truly special, and we look forward to creating more cherished memories together in the coming year. Thank you to all for being a part of our Christmas celebrations and worship.

We, both Achens along with our families, wish you and your loved ones a blessed New Year filled with peace, joy and the boundless love of our Savior.

May God bless you all

Rev. Santhosh Thomas
Asst. Vicar

CALENDAR

January 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30 PM Edavaka Mission Prayer	2 6 AM Prayer	3 6 AM Prayer	4 6 AM Prayer	5 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer	6 10 AM Senior 12:30 House Warming
7 8 AM English Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Malayalam Service 6 PM Prayer- Tabor	8 6 AM Prayer 7:30 PM Edavaka Mission Prayer	9 6 AM Prayer 8 PM IMAFF Committee	10 6 AM Prayer 8 PM Bible Study	11 6 AM Prayer 7:30 PM Edavaka Mission Prayer	12 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer 7 PM Young Adult	13 Marriage in Austin
14 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM English Service HOPE Christmas 6 pm Prayer-Ebenezer	15 6 AM Prayer 7:30 PM Edavaka Mission Prayer	16 6 AM Prayer	17 6 AM Prayer 8 PM Bible Study	18 6 AM Prayer 7:30 PM Edavaka Mission	19 6 AM Prayer 7 PM IMAFF GB	20 10 AM Sevika Sanghom 12 Baptism 6 PM Prayer Sehon
21 8:00 AM G3 & English service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Malayalam Service YF Meeting and Election	22 6 AM Prayer Ninaveh Lent 7:30 PM Sevika Sanghom Center meeting	23 6 AM Prayer Nineveh Lent	24 6 AM Prayer Nineveh Lent 8 PM Bible Study	25 6 AM Prayer 7:30 PM Edavaka Mission	26 6 AM Prayer 10 AM Fasting Prayer	27 9:30 AM Lay ministry and Bible study groups 12 Baptism 6 PM YFF
28 8 AM Praise and Worship CFF and English Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Malayalam Service 6 PM Prayer- Sinai	29 6 AM Prayer	30 6 AM Prayer	31 6 AM Prayer 8 PM Bible Study			

Jubilee project Personal Loans:

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.**

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

JANUARY 2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sibi Varghese Chacko & Annie Varghese	2-Jan
Ajo Thomas & Roshu Thomas	2-Jan
Saji Pappachan & Solly Saji	2-Jan
Fiji C. George & Sindhu George	3-Jan
Thomas Mathews Koshy & Maggie Thomas Koshy	3-Jan
Kuruvillea Velangadan & Usha Kuruvillea	4-Jan
Sam Alexander & Sheryll Mathew	4-Jan
Tinish Thomas & Shery Cherian	4-Jan
Abraham G. Valayil & Jessy A. Valayil	5-Jan
Roy Chacko & Emmy Chacko	5-Jan
Abraham Mathew & Valsamma Abraham	5-Jan
Varghese K. Idiculla & Mercy Varghese	6-Jan
Tony V. Philip & Rani Susan Varghese	7-Jan
Rev. Jaison A Thomas & Sherin Ann Thomas	7-Jan
Sam Mathunny & Betsy Sam	9-Jan
Mathew Thomas & Sosamma Mathew	9-Jan
Bibi K. Samuel & Nisha Varghese	9-Jan
Isac Thomas & Mini S. Thomas	9-Jan
Benson Mathew & Dr. Julie Ann Mathew	9-Jan
Arun Kuruvillea Roy & Rosemin Mary John	10-Jan
Shibu A. Abraham & Annu Abraham	10-Jan
Varghese Thomas & Susan Varghese	11-Jan
Mevin John Abraham & Liny Chacko	11-Jan
Kunnel M. Mathew & Annamma Mathew	11-Jan
Rajiv N Jacob & Leny S Jacob	12-Jan
Thomas P Abraham & LillyKutty Abraham	12-Jan
Abraham Chacko & Sara Chacko	13-Jan
Mathai Ninan & Achamma Ninan	14-Jan
John Jacob & Ajisha Thomas	14-Jan
Abby Theckmuryil Thomas & Cissy George	15-Jan
Abraham Mathew &	15-Jan
Titus Eapen & Sheila Eapen	16-Jan
Sam Abraham & Susan Punnoose	16-Jan



JANUARY 2024 BIRTHDAYS



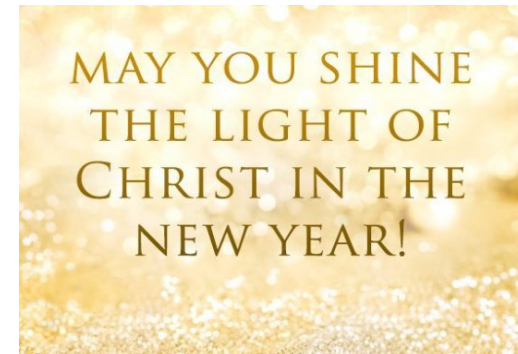
Justin Mathew	19-Jan	Mathew C. Samuel	24-Jan
Binoy George		Twinkle Mariam Thomas	
Accamma A. Koshy		Kayla Ann Ninan	
Thomas P. Daniel		Beena Joseph	
Andrew Terish Thomas		Kayla Marie Puthenmadathil	
Renu Thomas John		Nicole Thomas	
Regy T. Varghese		Nathan John Thomas	
Gracious John		Anpu Mathews Varghese	
Annamma Mathew		Varghis George	
Abraham Mathew		Jacob K Chacko	
Annie Kuruvilla		Abigail Leah Lijoy	
Shebin Chandy Thottiyil	Isaac Easow		
Sneha Varghese	Aaron Thomas Vinod		
Hannah Thomas	Anieamma Joseph		
Julia Sara Mathew	21-Jan	Cissy George	26-Jan
Joshua G. Abraham		Varghese Kalathoor	
Mariamamma K Varghese		Ajisha Thomas	
Annu Abraham		John Varghese	27-Jan
C. C. Mathew		Mariamamma Abraham	
Susan Mathew	Remya Mariam Rency	28-Jan	
Leah Susan Mathew	Thomas Varghese		
Raju M. Karikottu	Mathew O. Keerikattu		
Benson J. Thottiyil	Hannah Abraham		
Dr. Judy George Chandy	Julie P John		
Daniel philip	Joji Itty	29-Jan	
Leah Philip	Ricku Philip George		
Dijo Mathews	Ephraem Eapen Varghese		
Liam Mathew Samuel	Nishanth Samuel		
Jewel Zachariah	23-Jan	Neha Mathew	30-Jan
K. Johnson		Ann Kurien	
Jiny Kalathra		Seth Mathew Abraham	
Johanathan Joji		Jesslin Elizabeth Abraham	
Johnson Samuel		Jency Mathew	
Aleyamma Abraham	31-Jan	Elias V. Samuel	
Aleyamma Jacob Chacko		Michael John Chirayil	
Santhosh K. Varghese		Hannah Thomas	
		Jimmy Abraham	

CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Aleyamma Mathews Abraham, 70 years old, sister-in-law of Mr. M.A. Abraham ID # 126, of the Sharon area and that of Mr. George Abraham, ID # 180, of the Bethlehem area was called to eternal rest in Kottarakkara, Kerala.

Mr. Thomas Varghese, 73 years old, ID # 263 of the Sharon prayer group was called to eternal rest on Tuesday, December 18th. Funeral services were held on December 23rd in Houston. As an active member of the parish, Mr. Thomas Varghese has faithfully served the church in several key capacities. At this time, his many services and contributions to the parish are remembered with gratitude and thanks.

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



JAN BIBLE QUIZ QUESTIONS

Bible portion Proverbs 21-31 Chapters

1. What name you will give to a proud and arrogant man?
2. How do a fool and wiseman vent their anger?
3. The prudent see danger and take ----- . Fill in the gap.
4. What does king Solomon say about a man who sees himself wise?
5. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting but a woman who fears the Lord is to be ---Fill in the word.

Answers for December Bible Quiz [Proverbs 11-20]

- 1) 11:2, 2) 14:34, 3) 15:13, 4) 16:6, 5) 20:29

ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School	Sunday school starts @ 9.30 am
Sevika Sanghom	Prayer meetings @ 9.30 am
Edavaka Mission	Prayer Meeting @ 7.30 pm via Zoom (Every Thursdays)
Senior Fellowship	Jan. 06: Monthly Prayer Meeting @ 10.00 am Jan. 18: Pakal Veedu @ 10.00 am Jan. 25: Holy Qurbana @ 10.00 am
IMAFF	Jan 19: Prayer meeting @ 7.00 pm at IMTC
AREA PRAYER GROUPS	<p>Hebron area prayer meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday Jan 5th at 7.00 pm at the residence of Mr. Praveen Varghese Philip, id # 627. The address there is: 7703 Lost Pecan Way, Missouri City, TX 77459.</p> <p>Tabor area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday January 7, 2024, at 6 pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Lijoy Samuel, ID # 573. Their address is 22615 Birch Ridge Dr., Spring, TX 77389.</p> <p>Prayer group representative to the executive committee will be elected during this prayer.</p> <p>Ebenezer area prayer meeting: Sunday January 14th at 6.00 pm at the residence of Mr. Jacob Kunnumpurath, ID #161). Address: 1503 Meadow Glade Ct., Sugarland, TX. 77479.</p> <p>Prayer group representative to the executive committee will be elected during this prayer.</p> <p>Sinai area prayer meeting: Sunday January 14th at 7.30 pm at the residence of Mr. Arun Koshy (ID # 457). Address: 8118 Ecrú Ln., Rosharon, TX. 77583.</p> <p>Prayer group representative to the executive committee will be elected during this prayer.</p> <p>Sehion area prayer meeting: Saturday January 20th at 6.00 pm at the residence of Mr. Mathai Ninan (ID # 123). Address: 6607 Rising Hills Ln., Sugarland, TX. 77479.</p> <p>Prayer group representative to the executive committee will be elected during this prayer.</p> <p>Sinai area prayer meeting: Sunday January 28th, at 6.00 pm at the residence of Mr. Thomas V. Mathew (ID #). Address: 9011 Silver Springs Dr., Houston, TX. 77025.</p>

JANUARY 2024 BIRTHDAYS

Baby Oommen	1-Jan	Annamma Philip	11-Jan
Merin Jose		Arun Varghese	
Jonah Abraham Ninan		Jicky Kuruvilla	
Alvin Joseph Sam		Christian Simon Chacko	
Angel Mariam John		Jaden Bobby Kalathoor	
Susan Samuel	2-Jan	Benita Merin Mathai	12-Jan
Gracy Mathew		Harshal Thomas	
Dr.Chris Cherian		Ruby Varkey	
Mariamamma Kurian		Ethan J Chacko	
Mariamamma Thomas		George C Philip	
Ajay Phillip Mammen	3-Jan	Kanmony Mathew	13-Jan
Sam Mathunny		Preetha Kurian	
Aleyamma George		Sam Mathew	
Beena Valiaparambil	4-Jan	Sonu E. Mathew	14-Jan
Sam Mathew		Alan Koshy	
Noelle Saranna John		Selena Patel Mathew	
Dr. Suraj M. Cherry	5-Jan	Aiden S. George	15-Jan
Bibi K. Samuel		Steffi Mariam Alex	
Jaison Thomas		Mathew Philip	
Abraham K. Jose		Leena Thomas	
Aleyamma Samuel		Smilo Kuruvilla	
Evana Ann Abu	7-Jan	Abhijit V. Roy	16-Jan
Roy Jacob		Micah Varghese	
Theresa Anne George		Liji Jacob	
Jaycee Charles Chacko	8-Jan	William John	17-Jan
Kaitlyn Philip		K. K. John	
Thomas Mathews Koshy		Sanoj J. Eapen	
Christina R. Anaghan		Joe Eapen	
Calvin Chacko	9-Jan	Rahul R. Varughese	18-Jan
Aaron Varghese Jeffrin		Hannah Elizabeth Eapen	
Ashley Mary Samuel		K. T. Sajee	
Abraham Mathew		Girija Shaiji	
Shanah Abraham		Jennifer Susan Chacho	
Ciara Ann Oommen	9-Jan	Felix Abraham	18-Jan
Ranjith J. John		Leny S Jacob	
Jincy Thankan Cherian		Diya Elizabeth John	
Rachel Varughese		Abhishek V. George	
Dave Cherian Mathew		Abraham K.M	