



Trinity Messenger

February 2023



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Vicar's Message

The Church enters the Great Lent in the month of February. This is also known as Fifty Days Lent. It is a time of confession, conversion, and renewal of the Church. The Great Lent begins with the Service of Reconciliation on the first Monday of Lent. On that day, the church community seeks mutual forgiveness and reconciliation. Each Sunday has a particular theme which manifests the healing, transforming power of Christ during His earthly ministry.

Mid-Lent is observed on 25th day of great Lent and the 40th day is known as 40th Friday. The forty days symbolize the forty days fasting of Jesus Christ in the wilderness. During the next 10 days, the believers identify with the passion, crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The whole week is known as Passion Week.

The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is celebrated on Palm Sunday (Hosanna). Thursday, the day of the institution of Eucharist, is known as Pesaha. Good Friday is the day of crucifixion and death of Jesus on the Cross. On Sunday, the Church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is a day of great Joy.

Lent is a better time to deepen our faith. The season of Lent is historically marked by the practice of fasting and other forms of self-denial. These various practices are intended to lead one to contrition and repentance and to renewing practices such as prayer, meditation, charity, and service. It is a season of introspection and to look unto God with deepened trust.

I encourage all of you to prayerfully participate in the Lent prayer meetings .

We entered a new financial year. I thank all the office bearers, executive committee members, and organizational leaderships of 2022, for their selfless services rendered to the Church and to the Kingdom of God. Also, I appreciate the support and participation of the Trinity family in all Parish activities.

I request your continued prayers and support for the 2023 leadership team.

May God bless us all.

Prayers,

Sam Achen



Vicar's February Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
1-Feb-23	Wednesday		
2-Feb-23	Thursday	10:00 AM	Sevika Sanghom Cottage Prayer
3-Feb-23	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer
4-Feb-23	Saturday	6:00 PM	GOA Prayer Meeting
5-Feb-23	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
6-Feb-23	Monday		
7-Feb-23	Tuesday	10:30 AM	Edavaka Mission Cottage Prayer
8-Feb-23	Wednesday		
9-Feb-23	Thursday		
10-Feb-23	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer
11-Feb-23	Saturday	7:00 PM	Alief and Sugar Land Area Prayer
12-Feb-23	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: English
13-Feb-23	Monday		
14-Feb-23	Tuesday		
15-Feb-23	Wednesday		
16-Feb-23	Thursday		
17-Feb-23	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer
18-Feb-23	Saturday	6:00 PM	North Shore Area Prayer
19-Feb-23	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
20-Feb-23	Monday		
21-Feb-23	Tuesday		
22-Feb-23	Wednesday		
23-Feb-23	Thursday	10:00 AM	Senior Fellowship monthly Prayer meeting
24-Feb-23	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer
		6:30 PM	YFF Cottage Prayer
25-Feb-23	Saturday	11:30 AM	Engagement
		5:30 PM	Baptism
		7:00 PM	Pearland West Area Prayer
26-Feb-23	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: English
		11:00 AM	General Body Meeting
27-Feb-23	Monday		
28-Feb-23	Tuesday		



Secretary's Note

Hello everyone,

Welcome to an exciting new month and thank you for everything you do to serve the Trinity Parish. This month we welcome the 2023 Executive Committee to their new responsibilities while also thanking and acknowledging the 2022 Executive Committee for a job done well.

There are 13 new faces in the 2023 Executive Committee (of 28 members). The committee includes one Mandalam & two Diocesan Assembly members getting close to ending their three-year term.

As we begin the second month of a new year, I encourage you to help expand attendance at our Area Prayer meetings. Those not fluent in Malayalam are typically not attending Area Prayer meetings. If you are an active Area Prayer meeting attendee, encourage those you can influence to attend and create a new habit.

February is a busy month in the Trinity Parish Calendar. As we begin the 50-day lent prayers, we hope for everyone's prayerful participation. The annual Trinity general body meeting is planned for the later part of this month. I encourage everyone to attend the general body meeting. This is the chance for our members to come together for the Church's vision, values, and growth. It is vital to have participation from all age groups, keeping in mind the future of the Parish. Our Church's effectiveness evolves when your voices are heard, and those ideas are developed to enhance our faith journey. Keep in mind, decisions are made by the people who show up.

Please continue to pray for our Church, our Achens and their families, the office bearers, executive committee, and me.

Thank you,

Reji George

TMC Secretary

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Worship Services and Lectionary

5-Feb	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM		
	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM		
	Theme: Medical Mission Sunday, Jesus Christ Who Heals		
	1st Lesson	Isaiah 53:1-12	Epistle Acts 3:11-16
	2nd Lesson	1 Peter 2:18-25	Gospel Matthew 8:5-17
Northshore Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service			
12-Feb	English Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM		
	Theme: Sabbath leads to the fullness of Creation		
	1st Lesson	1 Samuel 21:1-9	Epistle Colossians 2:13-19
	2nd Lesson	Hebrews 4:1-11	Gospel Luke 6:1-10
Galveston and Other Areas members will assist the Holy Communion Service			
19-Feb	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM		
	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM		
	Theme: Beginning of the Great Lent - An invitation for Transformation		
	1st Lesson	Hosea 14:1-9	Epistle Romans 12:1-2
	2nd Lesson	2 Peter 1:1-11	Gospel John 2:1-11
Pasadena Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service			
26-Feb	English Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM		
	Theme: Jesus Christ who Sanctifies		
	1st Lesson	Jeremiah 33:6-11	Epistle James 4:7-10
	2nd Lesson	1 John 1:5-10	Gospel Mark 1:40-45
Alief and Sugar Land Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service			



New Members

January 2022 - January 2023

Warm Welcome to our New Members:

	Names	Prayer Group	ID
1	Varughese Mathew, Elsy John, Joel Mathew, & Elvin Biju	Alief & Sugar Land	555
2	John K. Thomas & Mariamma John	Missouri City & Stafford	557
3	George K. John, Namitha John, & Caleb John	Missouri City & Stafford	558
4	Jeby Sam Joseph & Jerry Sam Joseph	Pearland West	559
5	Raigu Uthup Cherian & Jisna Saji	Missouri City & Stafford	560
6	Ranjeet Samuel Jacob, Priya Jacob, Daniel Jacob, Rebekah Jacob	Alief & Sugar Land	561
7	Bijoo Mathew & Susan Mathew	Galveston and Other Areas	562
8	Santhamma Kyppallil	Missouri City & Stafford	564
9	Jitin Kunjumon Alex & Swapna Thottadiyil Samuel	Missouri City & Stafford	565
10	David Nagy	Medical Center/Stella Link	569
11	Binu P. Sam, Sherly Binu, Joshin Sam, & Jenil Sam	Pearland West	570
12	Anila Biju Abraham, Angel Abraham, Anugraha Abraham, & Ann Abraham	Galveston and Other Areas	572
13	Joseph Daniel Modathara, Rekha Susan Joseph, Diane Joseph, & Teenu Joseph	Missouri City & Stafford	573



Baptisms

January 2022 - January 2023

Warm Welcome to our Youngest Members:

	Name	Parent Names	Prayer Group
1	Eliana Grace Abraham	Anish Abraham & Jency Abraham	Alief & Sugar Land
2	Novah Liz Kurian	Nidhin Kurian & Neenu Jose	Missouri City & Stafford
3	Mizpah Raichu Mathew	Magesh Mathew & Suma Marie Mathew	Missouri City & Stafford
4	Connor Wyatt Joseph	Ashley Abraham Joseph & Jocelyn Joseph	Missouri City & Stafford
5	Olivia Jean Titus	Neil Titus & Evelyn George	Missouri City & Stafford
6	Chloe Hope Thomas	Felix Thomas & Angelie Thomas	Missouri City & Stafford
7	Riley Joy Thomas		
8	Malhar Roshen Valyathu	Rev. Roshen V. Mathews & Titty Thomas	Missouri City & Stafford
9	Hannah Mariam Joseph	Joseph K.A & Pravitha Elizabeth Kurian	Missouri City & Stafford



Demises

Mr. John K. Jacob (83), from the Missouri City and Stafford Prayer group, received the heavenly call on Saturday, November 26, 2022. The funeral was held on Saturday, December 3rd, at 10:00 AM, followed by interment at the Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home and Cemetery.

Prof. Peggy Kuruvilla (78), the aunt of Mr. Joseph Chemmarappally, from the Missouri City and Stafford prayer group, received the heavenly call on Monday, November 27, 2022, in Arizona.

Baby Emeril Cheriyan Varghese (7 months), from the Alief and Sugar Land prayer group, was called to be with the Lord, on Monday, November 28, 2022. The memorial and funeral service was held on Monday, December 5th, at 10 AM, at Trinity Mar Thoma Church. Interment was held at South Park Funeral Home and Cemetery following the funeral service.

Mrs. Annamma Koshy (103), the mother of Lissymole Rajan, of the Pearland West prayer group, received the heavenly call on Sunday, December 4, 2022, in Kerala. The funeral was held on Tuesday, December 6th, at St. Elijah's Orthodox Church, Koduvila, Kerala.

Mrs. Aleyamma Rajan (89), a member of the Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Lubbock, elder sister of John Thomas (Appu Uncle) & aunt of Raji Thomas, both from the Galveston and Other Area Prayer group, received the heavenly call on Thursday, December 8, 2022, in Fort Worth. The funeral was held in Fort Worth, on Friday, December 16.

Mrs. Kunjunjamma Abraham (88), mother of Mr. Titus Abraham, of the Pearland West Prayer group received the heavenly call on Sunday, December 25, 2022, in Staten Island, New York. The Funeral was held on Saturday, December 31st, at Staten Island Mar Thoma Church.

Mr. Yohannan Yohannan (83), father of Mr. Daniel Yohannan, of the Pearland West Prayer group received the heavenly call on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, in Philadelphia. The wake was held on Saturday, December 31st, at Christos Mar Thoma Church, Philadelphia. The funeral will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd, at the William Penn Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Aleyamma Idiculla (94), the mother of Mr. Abraham K. Idiculla, Mr. Thomas K. Idiculla, and Mr. Shajimon Idiculla received the heavenly call on Sunday, January 15, 2023. The funeral was held on Monday, January 23rd, at Chachipunna Salem Mar Thoma Church.

Mr. John Mathew (84), a member of the New Jersey Mar Thoma Church, received the heavenly call on Saturday, January 28, 2023, in New York. He is the elder brother of Mr. John Philip (Sunny Uncle), from the Missouri City & Stafford Prayer group.

May God comfort all family members and friends with Divine Peace. We extend our heartfelt condolences to all family members and friends.



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