



» MONTHLY «  
NEWSLETTER



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the matchless Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we enter the month of February, the Church lovingly invites us to reflect on compassion, rest, transformation, reconciliation, and merciful living—realities that lie at the very heart of the Gospel and of our human vocation.

Compassion, as revealed in the ministry of Jesus, is never a distant sentiment but a deliberate movement toward the suffering other. When Jesus saw the crowds, “He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Matthew 9:36). His compassion led Him to touch the leper (Mark 1:41), restore the blind (Luke 18:35–43), and welcome the rejected. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37) reminds us that true neighborliness is measured not by identity, but by mercy in action. Medical Mission Sunday echoes this Gospel truth: healing takes place not only through medicine, but also through presence, listening, and sacrificial love. As the physician and theologian Albert Schweitzer affirmed, “The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.” When suffering is shared with love, it becomes a channel of God’s healing grace.

Rest, too, is a divine gift. Scripture tells us that God rested on the seventh day—not out of exhaustion, but to crown creation with meaning (Genesis 2:2–3). Jesus reaffirmed this truth when He said, “The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27). In a world driven by constant productivity and quiet anxiety, Sabbath rest teaches us trust—trust in God who sustains life beyond our efforts. St. Augustine reminds us, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” True rest is not mere inactivity; it is communion—reconnecting with God, with creation, and with our inner selves. By resting in God, we rediscover gratitude and the sacred rhythm of life.



As we stand at the threshold of the Great Lent, we remember that Jesus Christ is the One who transforms lives. On the Mount of Transfiguration (Luke 9:28–36), the disciples glimpse the glory that emerges through surrender. In the home of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1–10), transformation occurs not through condemnation, but through grace. The dramatic conversion of St. Paul (Acts 9) assures us that no past is beyond redemption. Lent, therefore, is not merely about self-denial, but about reorientation—turning away from distorted patterns and allowing Christ to renew us from within. Søren Kierkegaard observed that true change begins when a person dares to stand honestly before God. Lent is that sacred invitation to become who God intends us to be.

The mission entrusted to the Church is also a ministry of reconciliation. “God... has given us the ministry of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:18). Jesus restored Peter after his denial not with rebuke, but with love and recommissioning (John 21:15–19). In the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), reconciliation begins even before words are spoken—the father runs, embraces, and restores dignity. Hannah Arendt described forgiveness as the power that breaks cycles of retaliation and creates new beginnings. When the Church chooses forgiveness over resentment, it becomes a living sign of God’s reconciling love in a fractured world.

Finally, we are reminded that compassion is the visible language of the Gospel. Jesus calls us, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36). Feeding the hungry, caring for the weak, and standing with the marginalized are not optional acts; they are the very places where Christ becomes visible again (Matthew 25:35–40). As philosopher Emmanuel Levinas taught, responsibility begins when we truly encounter the face of the other. Compassion not only transforms those who receive it—it enlarges the hearts of those who give it.

As we journey through this sacred season, may we grow as a parish where compassion heals, rest restores, Christ transforms, reconciliation unites, and love becomes our daily witness to the world. May our lives proclaim the Gospel long before our words do.

Yours in Christ’s service,

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Rev. Jacob Thomas



WORSHIP SCHEDULE	LECTIONARY	SERVICE SUPPORT
<p>DIVINE SERVICE (Malayalam) 10:00am February 1st 2026 Medical Mission Sunday</p>	<p>LESSON 1: Isa 42:1-9 LESSON 2: Acts 3: 1-16 EPISTLE: James: 5:13-18 GOSPEL: Matthew 9: 35-38</p>	<p>Cumming-Suwanee Prayer Group</p>
<p>HOLY COMMUNION (English) 10:00AM February 8th 2026 Beginning of the 131st session of the Maramon Convention</p>	<p>LESSON 1: Gen 1:31, 2:1-3 LESSON 2: Heb 4:1-11 EPISTLE: Col 2:13-19 GOSPEL: Mark 3:1-6</p>	<p>Snellville-Lilburn Prayer Group</p>
<p>HOLY COMMUNION (Malayalam) 10:30AM February 15th 2026 Beginning of the Great Lent</p>	<p>LESSON 1: Ezekiel 36: 24-36 LESSON 2: Romans 11: 33 – 12:2 EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 GOSPEL: John 2:1-11</p>	<p>Yuvajana Sakhyam</p>
<p>HOLY COMMUNION (English) 10:00AM February 22nd 2026</p>	<p>LESSON 1: Ruth 2:4-20 LESSON 2: Eph 4:25-32 EPISTLE: 1 John 3:13-24 GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45</p>	<p>Youth Fellowship</p>



PRAYER GROUP MEETING	TIMING	VENUE
Lawrenceville	Saturday, February 7th, 2026, at 6:30pm	Residence of Mr Saji Thomas and Mrs. Shirly Thomas 1274 Union station dr. Lawrenceville, GA 30045.
Grayson-Loganville	Saturday, February 14th, 2026, at 6:30pm	Residence of Mr Abraham and Mrs Reena Abraham 2141 Soaring Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30044
Alpharetta-Marietta Cumming-Suwanee	Saturday, February 21st, 2026 at 6:30pm	Residence of Mr Roy J. Ellikkulathu & Mrs. Rachel Roy 4041 Kenway Place Smyrna GA 30082
Snellville-Lilburn	Saturday, February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 at 6:30pm	Residence of Mr. Jaise John & Mrs. Ambi Jaise John 1939 Kentland Place, Snellville , GA 30078
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE		TIMING
Sunday February 1st ,2026		@8:30am
Sunday February 8 <sup>th</sup> ,2026		@8:30am
Sunday February 15 <sup>th</sup> ,2026		@9:30am
Sunday February 22nd ,2026		@8:30am
THIRUSANNIDHIYIL MEETING		
February 9th, 2026 @8pm		February 23rd, 2026 @8pm



ORGANIZATION MEETING	TIMING	VENUE
Edavaka Mission	Friday, February 6th ,2026 at 7:30pm	Bible Study @MTCA Chapel
Senior Citizen Fellowship	Saturday, February 7th, 2026 at 10am	@MTCA Youth Cafe
Sunday School Competition	Saturday, February 7th, 2026 at 9:30am to 12:30pm	@MTCA Chapel, Amphitheater
Edavaka Mission	Friday, February 13th, 2026, at 7:30pm	Residence of Mr Titus Mathew and Mrs. Bobbina Titus 512 Kenion Forest Way, Lilburn, GA 30047
Sevika Sanghom	Saturday, February 14 <sup>th</sup> ,2026 at 10am	Residence of Mrs. Rajani Binu 861 Milvale Place, Lawrenceville, GA 30044
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Sunday, February 15 <sup>th</sup> 2026 at 1:30pm	@ MTCA Amphitheater
Edavaka Mission	Friday, February 20th ,2026 at 7:30pm	Residence of Mr. Itty Korah and Mrs. Saramma Itty 2730 Lake Commons Court Snellville, GA 30078
Youth Fellowship	Saturday, February 21st <sup>th</sup> 2026 at 11am	Liturgy Workshop @ MTCA Fellowship hall
Combined Edavaka Mission and Fasting Prayer	Saturday, February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 at 10am	@MTCA Amphitheater
Young Family Fellowship	Saturday, February 28th,2026 at 4pm	Residence of Mr. Varghese Abraham and Mrs. Seema Varghese 6050 Pennant Lane, Suwanee, GA 30024.



## Volunteer Event

Join Us for City Takers Volunteer Event: Bless the Block!

City Takers is heading back out to the streets, and we'd love for you to join us! Bless the Block is our monthly chance to come together and pour some extra love into our ATL community. Whether we're packing groceries, handing out household essentials, or sharing a meal and a prayer, our goal is simple: to show up for our neighbors.

Where: 3462 Delmar Lane Northwest Atlanta, GA, 30331

When: Saturday, February 7th | 10 AM – 2 PM

Who: Everyone! This is an all-ages event.

What to bring: Comfortable shoes and a heart ready to serve.

Ready to help? Sign up at City Takers or reach out to Christan Mathew or Raeba Roy to get involved. We can't wait to see you there!

MTCA Youth Fellowship  
Presents

REDISCOVERING  
THE  
MAR THOMA  
LITURGY

SPEAKER: REV. LARRY VARGHESE

FEBRUARY 21, 11 AM  
6015 OLD STONE MOUNTAIN RD,  
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30087  
Lunch Provided

Church Vicar: Rev. Jacob Thomas |  
770-342-8071  
Contact: Christan Mathew |  
404-642-9567



### **A Few Notes To Remember**

For donations & subscriptions make all checks payable to: Mar Thoma Church, Atlanta or MTCA,  
Church

- Email: [marthomachurchatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:marthomachurchatlanta@gmail.com)
- Website: <https://mtcatlanta.org>



### **Facility Reservation**

Facility reservation for Organizations and Prayer group activities , please reach out to

Trustee-Finance: Mr. Santhosh K. Abraham : Email: [Skabr22@gmail.com](mailto:Skabr22@gmail.com)

Trustee-Accounts: Dr. Robin Thomas : Email: [robthomas19@gmail.com](mailto:robthomas19@gmail.com)

Parish Secretary: Ms. Liz Mathew: Email: [liz.ralex@gmail.com](mailto:liz.ralex@gmail.com)

Facility reservation for Baptisms, Marriages and other Sacraments, please reach out to the  
vicar Rev. Jacob Thomas at [revjacobthomasanikad@gmail.com](mailto:revjacobthomasanikad@gmail.com).

# February Birthdays

1

Mr. Anish Kurian

2

Mrs. Saramma Thomas  
Mrs. Mariamma George  
Mrs. Annie Varughese

3

Mr. Alexander D Oommen  
Mr. Gijo Jacob  
Mr. Renjit Mathew  
Mrs. Sherin Mathew

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Mrs. Mariamma Abraham  
Mrs. Susan Chandapillai

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Ms. Riyana John  
Mrs. Jincy Mathai  
Mr. Joel John

6

Mrs. Sangeetha Mathew  
Ms. Krupa Sarah Zachariah  
Mrs. Sudha Ann Zachariah

7

Mrs. Veena V. Chirayil  
Mr. Thomas Oommen

8

Mr. T.M.Thomas  
Mrs. Shirly Wilson  
Mr. David John

10

Dr. Oommen Thomas  
Ms. Stella E Cherian  
Mrs. Susan Joseph

11

Ms. Sharon Sunny

12

Mr. Reji Samuel  
Mr. Ajith Jacob

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Mr. Anil John

14

Mr. Josh Mathew  
Mr. Jibin Titus

15

Ms. Shruthi E. Thomas  
Mr. Tyson Jones  
Mr. Benny Samuel  
Mr. Mathew Samuel

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Mr. Jaison C. Varghese

18

Ms. Mintu Mathew  
Mr. Philip Joseph  
Mrs. Jessy Alexander  
Ms. Noya Merin Shone

18

Mrs. Ginomol Mathai  
Mr. Christan .S. Mathew  
Mr. Sunil John

19

Ms. Lilia Mariam Mathews  
Mr. James Wilson

20

Mr. Bobby C. George  
Mr. Joshua C. Mathew  
Mrs. Susan Varghese

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Mr. Roshan Varghese Mathew

22

Dr. Joshy Jacob

23

Mrs. Sapna Thomas

24

Mrs. Meenu Koshy  
Ms. Sania Jacob  
Ms. Livya S. Mathew  
Mr. Varghese Abraham

25

Mr. Charly Soman  
Mrs. Julianne S. Jacob  
Mr. Sean Koshy  
Mr. Mathew Varghese

26

Ms. Rhea Mathew  
Ms. Sarah G. Mathew  
Mr. Sagin K. Mamman

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Mr. Febu T. Jacob  
Mrs. Leny Betty Varghese

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Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas  
Mr. Nibin J. Mathews  
Ms. Reanna Robin Alex



# February Anniversaries

2

Mr. Ajit Mathew and Mrs. Priya Mathew

3

Mr. Lukose Tharian and Mrs. Gracy Tharian

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Dr. Rajesh Mathew and Dr. Bini Mathew  
Mr. Mavunkal Cherian and Mrs. Sosamma Cherian

7

Mr. George John and Mrs. Lizy John  
Dr. Jose Enos and Mrs. Saramma Enos

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Mr. Chandapillai P Thomas and Mrs. Susan Chandapillai

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Mr. Reni Kuruvila and Mrs. Anju Susan Raju

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Mr. Joseph E. Jones and Mrs. Molly Jones

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Mr. Varghese Samuel and Mrs. Susan Varghese

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Mr. Varghese A. Chacko and Mrs. Ramani V. Athiyal

# Quick Glimpse of FEB 2026

*Parish Day was celebrated on 11th January 2026, with Rev. Joel Samuel Thomas as the guest speaker. The occasion honored 27 senior members aged 75 years and above for their lifelong contributions to the parish. In addition, 10 couples who have completed over 50 years of married life were felicitated in recognition of their enduring commitment and faith.*



