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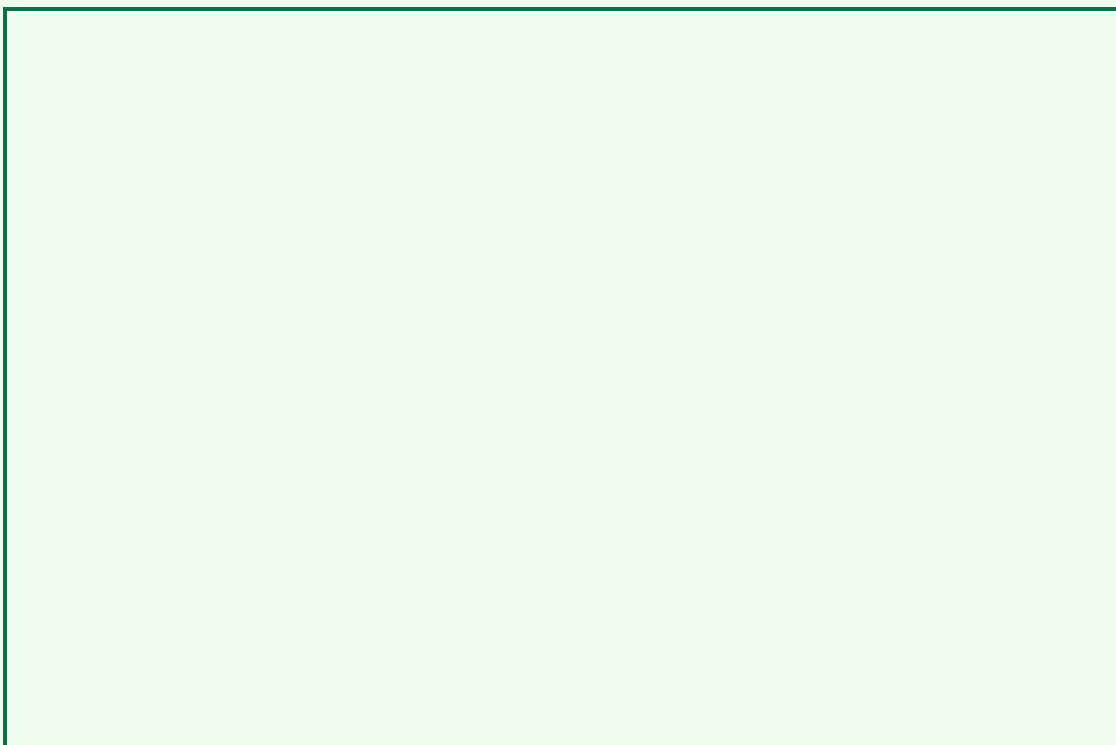
## Weekly Digest



## Chicago Mar Thoma Church

**Friday December 12th, 2025**

## Worship Schedule





# CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH 2025**  
**HOLY COMMUNION IN ENGLISH @ 9:30 AM**

**ANNUNCIATION TO JOSEPH;**  
**IMMANUEL: CELEBRATION OF JOY**

*LESSON 1: ISAIAH 7:10-17*

*LESSON 2: ROMANS 8:31-39*

*EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 1:15-23*

*GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-25*



[Live Stream Link - Click to View](#)

## Prayer

Heavenly Father,

May Your presence bring peace to our homes, clarity to our decisions, and hope to every circumstance we face. Dwell with us today and always..

In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Parish Announcements

### **Space for the Future Building Project**

Please see the link for the informative video on the Space for the Future Building Project and make your pledge today.

[Space for the Future Informative Video Link](#)

[Space for the Future Building Pledge Form Link](#)

### **2025 Christmas House to House Carol Rounding Schedule**



# CHICAGO MARTHA CHURCH CHRISTMAS Carolings

## 2025 Schedule

28 NOV FRIDAY AREA 8

29 NOV SATURDAY AREA 10

30 NOV SUNDAY AREA 4  
AREA 5

05 DEC FRIDAY AREA 1

06 DEC SATURDAY AREA 2

07 DEC SUNDAY AREA 6

12 DEC FRIDAY AREA 7

13 DEC SATURDAY AREA 11  
AREA 9

14 DEC SUNDAY AREA 3

REGISTER  
NOW





Please use the link below to register your home for the 2025 House to House Christmas Carol Rounding. This will assist in planning. If you are not able to complete the form online, please reach out to your area representatives.

[Register for 2025 Christmas Carol Rounding](#)

**Friday Dec 12, Area 7**

**Van starts at 5:00 PM from church**

Starting at the residence of Mr. Chacko George(Shibu & Susan)

Ending at the residence of Mr. George Mathai(Georgekutty & Beena)

**Saturday Dec 13, Area 11, 9**

Van starts at **11:00 AM** from church

Starting at Unity Lutheran Church, Brookfield, WI

Ending at the residence of Mr. Mathew Varghese(Kochumon & Sally)

**Sunday Dec 14, Area 3**

Van starts at **12:30 PM** from church

Starting at the residence of Mr. Abraham Varughese(Saji & Sheela)

Ending at the residence of Mr. John Mathew(Kunjumon & Mollykutty)



Please use the following website for the carol rounding schedule and live tracking.

<https://christmascarolrounding.chicagomarthoma.org/>

Hi everyone, a small and humble request regarding refreshments during carol rounding.

We truly appreciate the love and hospitality shown at each house. That said, many are arranging a wide variety of snacks, and only a small amount is usually consumed. To avoid excess food and waste, we kindly request that you limit the snacks to one or two simple items at most, and if possible, keep some hot beverages available, especially with the cold weather. Instead of spending extra on snacks, please consider adding that amount to your carol rounding contribution. This would be more meaningful.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

### **Tuesday Fasting Prayer**

**Will be held at 10 am at Church with optional Zoom**

**[Zoom Link: Click to Join](#)**

Meeting ID: 836 3456 1383

Passcode: 156818

Dial by your location : +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 836 3456 1383 | Passcode: 156818

### **Wednesday Online Bible Study**

**Will be held via Zoom at 8:00 pm**

The weekly Online Bible Study is coordinated on alternate weeks by the Parish Mission and Sevika Sangham.

Please join and be spiritually enriched.

**[Zoom Link: Click to Join](#)**

Meeting ID: 898 0070 4611

Passcode: 083373

Dial by your location : +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 898 0070 4611 | Passcode: 083373

**Website**

Please click on the link below to access the Parish Website

**<https://chicagomarthoma.org/>**

**Forms**

Please reach out to our Lay Leaders if your family desires to sponsor altar flowers for a week. The cost is \$35.

**YouTube Page**

Please click on the link below and subscribe to get access to all live stream links.

**[www.youtube.com/@CMTCAV](http://www.youtube.com/@CMTCAV)**

**Altar Flowers**

Please reach out to our Lay Leaders if your family desires to sponsor altar flowers for a week. The cost is \$35.

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**Area & Sub-Organization Announcements**

**Area Prayers**

**Choir**



**English Choir Practice:** There will be English Choir practice on Saturday December 6 from 10 am to 12 pm at Church.

**Malayalam Choir Practice Schedule:**

- **Dec 16** – 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM (*Mandatory / Stage Practice*)
- **Dec 18** – 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM (*Mandatory / Stage Practice*)
- **Dec 20** – 4:00 PM (*Carol Service*)

*Note: Schedule may change in case of emergencies or unforeseen events.  
Shared in advance for planning purposes.*

**Sunday School**

**Time:** Sunday School will begin at 8:40 am and we will go straight to classes and there will be no singing session.

**Youth Fellowship**

**Midwest Regional Conference 2025:** Message from Conveners: This year's Midwest Regionals Conference will take place from Friday, December 26 through Monday, December 29, 2025. The conference will take place at the Michindoh Conference Center in Michigan, where our midwest churches have hosted for many years. The conference will be hosted by the Chicago Marthoma Church, with Alvin Abraham and Manju Abraham as this year's conveners. The theme this year will be called "Chosen Through the Storm" focusing on Isaiah 43:2, where students will be reminded that no matter what hardship we face, God never abandons us. He is right there - guiding us, strengthening us, and proving his faithfulness every step of the way. Please keep this upcoming Regional's Conference in your prayers, encourage all the youth to participate, and please reach out to the conveners with any questions or

concerns. The registration link can be found below and on the youth instagram page. Thank you

### [Registration Link](#)

**2026 Membership Registration:** Each year, the Diocesan Youth Fellowship requests an updated list of all registered Youth Fellowship members from each parish as a part of the annual registration. This is crucial because only registered Youth Fellowships can have regional representatives and participate in Regional and Diocesan activities.

If you're interested in being a registered member of our CMTC Youth Fellowship, please complete the Google Form linked below. To qualify, you must be at least 13 years old. If you're not 13 yet, don't worry, you can join once you reach that age!

If you know anyone who might be interested, please pass the message along!

**Important:** Even if you've registered in the past, you must complete the form again for 2026!

### [Membership Registration Link](#)

## **Parish Mission**

**Prayer Cell:** Prayer Cell will be held on Sunday in the Children's room at 8:45 AM during the Sunday School time.

**Christmas Gift:** Parish Mission is going to distribute Christmas gift to the people of Mar Thoma Mission Center at Vattavada, Kerala and Mar Thoma Mission Center at

Chagalamarri, Kerala. The cost of each gift packet is \$ 50.00. Parish Mission urges all our parishioners to support this mission activity with your willful donations.

**Thanksgiving Prayer** : We will have Thanksgiving - Year end Chain Prayer on Sunday December 28, 2025 after the Holy Communion Service. There will be lunch in the basement fellowship hall before start the prayer.

### **Wisconsin Area Prayer Group**

**Next Service**: Holy Communion Service in English will be held on Sunday December 21st at 3:30 pm at Unity Lutheran Church, [4600 Pilgrim Road, Brookfield, WI 53005](#)

### **Prayers & Blessings**

On behalf of the Parish Family, we wish all who are celebrating their birthdays and/or wedding anniversaries the choicest blessings of God Almighty. May He protect you and guide you in the new year.

# Happy Birthday

Susy Thomas	12/12
George M Joseph	12/12
Silpa Ann Mohan	12/12
Sara Mary Varughese	12/13
Joannah M. Varughese	12/13
Leah Mary Varughese	12/13
Aksa Roy	12/13
Alice A. Varghese	12/13
Bobby Thomas	12/13
Varkey Samuel	12/13
Sarah Jacob	12/14
Ewin Mathews George	12/14
Sarah Varghese	12/14
Gem Anna Jaims	12/14
Abel J. Thomas	12/15
Ethan Sam Philip	12/15
Shibu Cherian Varghese	12/15
Justeena Joseph	12/15
Riyamaria Sunny Mathai	12/15
Abraham Koshy	12/15
Grace Suzanne Eapen	12/17
Joshua Chacko Eapen	12/17
Andrea Mary-Teji Thomas	12/18

# Happy Anniversary

Jai Jacob & Bindhu Karimpanamannil

12/14

***“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.” -Isaiah 7:14***

**Yours in Christ's Service,**

Dr. Joe M. George

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