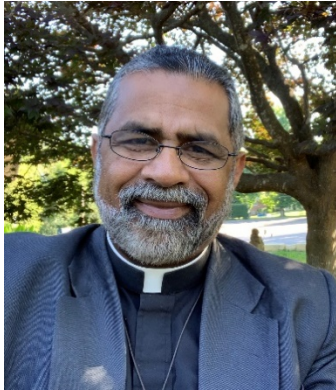


The Rev. Jos Tharakan



Fr. Jos Tharakan, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Springfield, MO, and the Dean of the Southern Deanery of the Diocese of West Missouri, was born and brought up in a devout Roman Catholic home in Kerala, India. He is the youngest of five children. Fr. Jos completed his seminary studies at Franciscan Seminaries in Kerala and was ordained in 1994. He obtained additional degrees in Economics and Political Science at the University of Delhi, and English and Social Sciences at the University of Bhopal, India. He came to the US in 1997. In 2006 Bishop Larry Maze received him into the Episcopal Church. Before coming to Missouri, Fr. Jos served at Christ Church, Mena, and All Saints in Russellville, Arkansas. He is married to Kimby, born in California and brought up in Arkansas. Combined, they have six children, three grandchildren, a dog, and a cat.