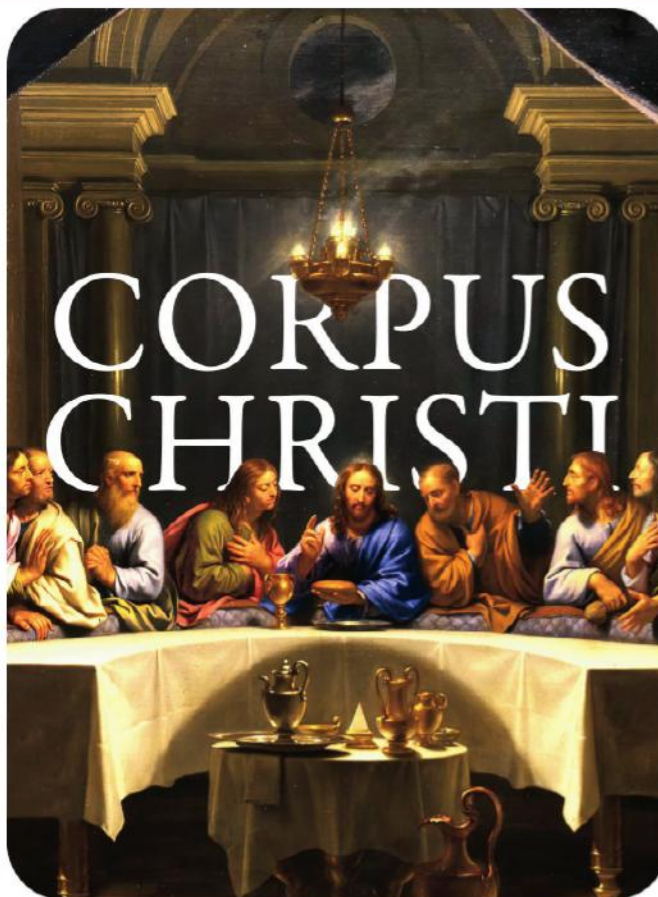


Today, the Second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, Latin for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, “Who is this about whom I hear such things?” and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: “You are the Messiah of God.” In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the disciples to



give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry

people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

### **Holy Mass Readings - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110:1-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17.**



## **Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Robstown, Texas and Saint Patrick Mission, San Patricio, Texas**



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**Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas:** 5:30 PM  
**Holy Day Vigil @ St. Thomas:** 6:30 PM  
**Weekday Masses @ St. Thomas:** 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday  
**CONFESSIONS @ St. Thomas:** 30 Minutes before Masses or by Appointment

**Sunday Masses @ St. Thomas:** 8:30 AM & 11 AM  
**Holy Day Mass @ St. Thomas:** 12:00 PM Noon

**Divine Mercy:** Fri. 11:45 AM  
**Holy Rosary:** Thurs. 11:40 AM

**CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission:** 3:30 PM

*The Lord Jesus took bread, and after  
he had given thanks, broke it, and said,  
"This is my body that is for you,  
Do this in remembrance of me."*

1 Corinthians 11:24

### Masses and Intentions for the Week

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

4:00 PM: Mass @ St. Patrick Mission  
Father's Day Novena

5:30 PM: Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle  
Father's Day Novena

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

#### **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

8:30 AM: Parishioners

11:00 AM: Father's Day Novena

#### MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

12:00 PM: No Mass

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †Patrick Knesek (AOB) by Jerry Knesek

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †Margaret Young by Owen & Kim Gallagher

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †Patricia Nemec by Fred Nemec

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †Vic and †Maggie Benys, Sr. by Vic & Denise Benys, Jr.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

4:00 PM: Mass @ St. Patrick Mission  
†Glen and †Mary Dawson by Tom Dawson

5:30 PM: Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle  
†David Lee Martini by Jim & Theresa Martini

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: Parishioners

11:00 AM: Collective Mass

†Allen Migura (AOB) by Owen & Kim Gallagher

†Michael Gallagher by Todd & Cynthia Schroeder

†Antonio B. Valdez, Sr. (AOB) by Rosario Gonzalez

†David Tajchman, Jr. by David & Susie Tajchman

### Please Pray for ...

All the homebound, sick and suffering of our parish,  
especially all those who have asked us to pray for them.

Cathy Sikes, Larry Bryant, Mary Elva Estrada, Yolanda Peña,  
Stephanie Landreth, Josie Blevins, Patrick Landreth, Fred Nemec,  
Mari Beth, Mable Ginn, Alva Rosas, Blaine Ainsworth, Debra Wood,  
Kathryn White, David Rowden, Valerie Rich, Cambri Calaway,  
Gayla Schaefer, Tommy Pritchard, Noe Ramos, Wallace Prukop,  
Juan Rodriguez, Emil Prukop, Solomon Abdo II, Estefana Munoz,  
Charlie & Jean Chapman, Ruthie Weathersby, Frank Cain, Ernie  
Skloss, Rose Pfeiler, Elaine Cain, Aida Deases, Stasha Landreth,  
Ted & Jeanette Respondek, Todd Crawford, Eileen Champine,  
Tyler Skidmore, Arnold Guerra, Yolanda Galvan, Fred Guerra,  
Joanna Guerra, Ramiro Trevino, David Tamez, Tom Crawford,  
Kathy Rathke, Simon Bucknall, Ravyn Brown, Frances Hicks,  
Nicole Ginn, Evelyn Castillo, Lydia Gonzalez, Jaime Garza,  
Graciela Garza, Homer Garcia, Rita Conroy, and Susan Chavarry.

Please call/email the parish office to include a person on the 2025 PRAYER LIST.



### LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Luke 9:11b-17).

**FAMILY CONNECTION:** In our age of fast food and eating on the go, families often find that they are not eating meals together at a dinner table. As a family, look back over the past week and recall how many meals were eaten together. How many meals were eaten alone or on the run.

In the Bible, meals are seen as much more than a means to satisfy a physical need. The Hebrew people viewed eating a meal as a way of expressing and strengthening their relationship to one another under God's covenant. It is no coincidence that meals are often the setting of Jesus' teaching and miracles in the Gospels. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000 people.

Read this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 9:11b-17. Talk about the kinds of hungers that people have in addition to physical hunger. Describe the hungers that a family nourishes (love, compassion, forgiveness, laughter, and so on). Together give thanks for the food that Jesus gives us that we celebrate on this Sunday's feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Make a commitment to share in this Eucharistic meal together as a family.

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From the Pastor's desk

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** The Feast of Corpus Christi; **Tuesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist; **Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus;  
**Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church;  
**Sunday:** Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles.

### LECTORS for JUNE 28-29, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Les Hoelscher  
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Michele Hoelscher  
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Frank Wilson



### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - JUNE 28-29, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo  
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Aaron Hoelscher, Kera Steward  
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Jesse Garcia, Bill Kelly, Fred Ramos

### ALTAR SERVERS for JUNE 28-29, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Matthew Cortino, Michael Cortino  
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Joseph Hess, Miles Shimek, Gabriel & Cyprian Kimmel  
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Liam Sanchez, Eliana Garza

### USHERS for JUNE 28-29, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman  
Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, T. Schumacher  
Sunday, 11:00 AM: B. Boatright, S. Woolf, R. Garcia, E. Sanchez



### MORE THAN ENOUGH

Some say that the multiplication of loaves was not done by breaking the laws of physics. Instead, they say that Jesus, when he began to share the little bread that he had, touched the hearts of all those who had brought food with them. They followed his example by sharing their food also—so much that there were twelve baskets left over.

Jesus came to change people's hearts, to show them God's love and how to love one another. The miracle of changing bread and wine into his Body and Blood is not just so we can feel good about having Jesus so near to us. It is meant to strengthen us to do our best as his disciples. As food and drink help us to keep on working, his Body and Blood help us to keep on loving.

When the disciples told Jesus about the hungry crowd, he told them, "Give them some food yourselves" (Luke 9:13). And one day they would. When they celebrated the Eucharist after Jesus' resurrection, they gave that spiritual food to the new followers of Christ. We continue that today. With Jesus' strength we can teach all people about the Father's love for them and how they can love each other.

Courtesy of Diocesan Tom Schmidt

From the Pastor's desk

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### SPEAK WITH COMPASSION

**Do not speak about your money**  
in front of a poor person.

**Do not speak about your health**  
in front of a sick person.

**Do not speak about your power**  
In front of a weak person.

**Do not speak about your freedom**  
in front of a prisoner.

**Do not speak about your children**  
in front of an infertile person.

**Do not speak about your mother and father**  
in front of an orphan.

**Because their wounds cannot bear more.**

From the Pastor's desk

### **St. Thomas the Apostle PARISH SPRING GIFT CARD RAFFLE**



*Our parish Spring fundraiser was a success!*

**THANK YOU** to the all the families, friends, community, and well-wishers of St. Thomas the Apostle who helped in the success of this fundraiser. The drawing for the gift cards was held on Sunday, June 15, 2025 with 46 winners. The "Winners" will be contacted by the parish office to come and pick up their prize.

A special "thank you" goes out to all those who donated to the prize fund of gift cards for the raffle. Your generosity is most appreciated. Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the raffle. You are all "winners" in the success of the Spring fundraiser.

Michele Hoelscher, DRE



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 23-27, 2025 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon**  
at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

For more information contact: Pauline Pechacek at 281-748-7675 or Karen Harris at 361-946-9105.

Pauline Pechacek, Camp Director

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Money Counters: K. Gallagher and C. Pilarczyk



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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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**Baptism:** Call the parish office to register for the Sacrament of Baptism. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism. See website for more information.

**Bulletin:** Bulletin announcements are due on Monday by 1:00 PM.

**Confession:** 30 minutes before Masses or by appointment.

**Religious Ed:** Schedule for Religious Ed can be found on our website [www.christon624.com](http://www.christon624.com) under the Religious Ed Tab. on the Home Page under Parish Statement.

**Scripture Study:** Sunday's after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the KC Bldg.

**Catholic Daughters of America Court #2290:** Contact Cynthia Garcia, Regent at 361-537-4470.

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