

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.



that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign

Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

### **Holy Mass Readings - The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Isaiah 66:10-14c; Psalm 125:1-4; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20.**



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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

***"As a mother comforts her child,  
So will I comfort you."***

Isaiah 66 : 13

### **Masses and Intentions for the Week**

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2025**

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**  
*\*Kay Havelka* by Kathleen Trial  
 5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
*\*Robert Keys* by John & Annette Freeman

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*  
 11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**  
*\*Allen Migura* by Owen & Kim Gallagher  
*\*Philip Prukop (AOD)* by Karen Vaughan  
*Keith Landreth (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth  
*Craig Landreth (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth

#### **MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025**

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

12:00 PM: *\*Frank Nemecek (AOD)* by David & Susie Tajchman

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

12:00 PM: *\*Rance Vaughan* by Karen Vaughan

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

12:00 PM: *\*David Lee Martini* by Evelyn Martini

#### **FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

12:00 PM: *Will Hewlett (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025**

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**  
*\*Kay Havelka* by Kathleen Trial  
 5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
*\*Herb Welch* by John & Annette Freeman  
*\*Lillie Kurtz* by Danny & Roberta Kurtz  
*\*Richard Chavarry* by Terri Chavarry  
*\*Harley Riebschleager* by Betty Conally

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*  
 11:00 AM: *Lincoln Polasek (Birthday)* by the Polasek Family



**HAVE A SAFE AND  
HAPPY SUMMER!**

### **FIVE PEOPLE YOU MUST KEEP FOREVER**

1. **The one who motivates you.**
2. **The one who listens without judgment.**
3. **The one who tells you the hard truths.**
4. **The one who celebrates your wins, big and small.**
5. **The one who stays even during your worst moments.**

From the Pastor's desk

#### **LECTORS for JULY 12-13, 2025**

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Ann Clarke  
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Terri Kimmel  
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Velma Garcia



#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - JULY 12-13, 2025**

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo  
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Matt Kimmel  
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Bill Kelly, Jesse Garcia

#### **ALTAR SERVERS for JULY 12-13, 2025**

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

#### **USHERS for JULY 12-13, 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: R. Polasek, D. Dusek, T. Brown, D. Brown

### **SIX ETHICS OF LIFE**

1. **LISTEN** before you **SPEAK**.
2. **EARN** before you **SPEND**.
3. **THINK** before you **WRITE**.
4. **TRY** before you **QUIT**.
5. **WORK** before you **REST**.
6. **LIVE** before you **DIE**.

From the Pastor's desk

### ***Please Pray for ...***

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

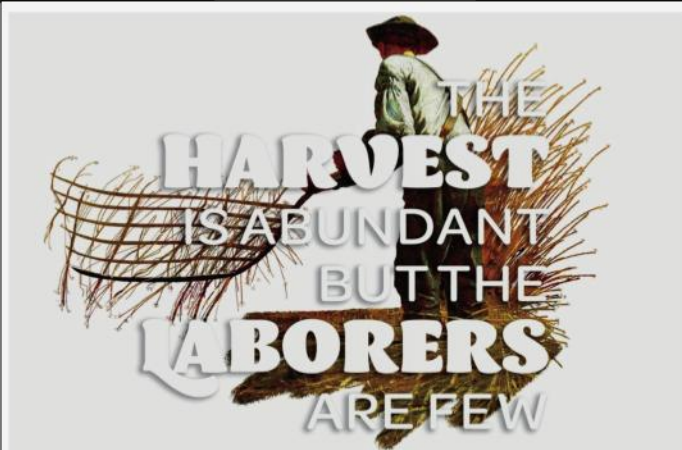
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 Homer Garcia, Rita Conroy, and Susan Chavarry.

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 10:1-12, 17-20).

**FAMILY CONNECTION:** Families teach a sense of togetherness and community. It is in the family that we learn that we are dependent on one another and where we learn to work together and live together. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in pairs, a sign that we are to work together to serve the mission of the Kingdom of God.

Talk about all the ways that your family works together. Talk about the various chores and tasks that family members work on together to accomplish in order to keep the household running smoothly.

Read aloud Luke 10:1-12, 17-20. Talk about why it was important that Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. Discuss ways that your family can work more closely together to support one another and to make the household run more smoothly. Pray for the strength to overcome the temptation to be too individualistic and to recognize the need for working together as a family.

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From the Pastor's desk

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### TEN SKILLS TO MASTER FOR SUCCESS

1. **COMMUNICATION:**  
*Speak clearly and listen well.*
2. **TIME MANAGEMENT:**  
*Use your time wisely.*
3. **PROFESSIONALISM:**  
*Grow in your career or field.*
4. **MONEY SKILLS:**  
*Spend, save, and plan smartly.*
5. **RESILIENCE:**  
*Bounce back from setbacks.*
6. **CRITICAL THINKING:**  
*Think smart before acting.*
7. **SELF-CARE:**  
*Take care of your mind and body.*
8. **SOCIAL AWARENESS:**  
*Understand people and situations.*
9. **DECISION MAKING:**  
*Choose wisely and confidently.*
10. **EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE:**  
*Handle emotions and connect better.*

From the Pastor's desk

**"The grace of the  
LORD JESUS CHRIST  
Be with your spirit."**

Galatians 6 : 18

### INFORMATION CORNER

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

**Altar Flowers:** Call the parish office to schedule flowers for the altar for a special occasion or "in honor of" or "in memory of" a person.

**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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