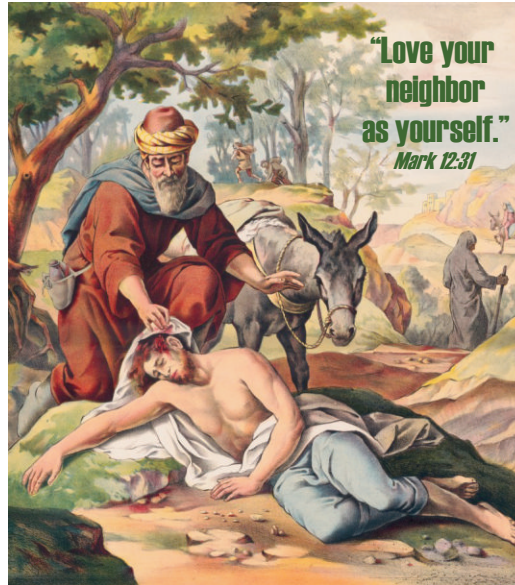


As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."



Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so

he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.



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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

***"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your being
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself."***

Mark 12 : 30-31

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Kay Havelka by C.B. & Kathleen Trial
5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†Herb Welch by Juliet Welch
†Lillie Kurtz by Danny & Roberta Kurtz
†Richard Chavarry by Terri Chavarry
†Harley Riebschleager by Betty Conally
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SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

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

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *Hali Tajchman (Birthday)* by David & Susie Tajchman

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Harley Riebschleager* by Mary Ann Hans

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *Jameson Dee (Birthday)* by David & Susie Tajchman

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Patrick Nemec* by Bob & Joan Black

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†William Glasscock by Jerry & Carmen Rychetsky
5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
Grace Ann Skidmore (Birthday) by the Polasek Family

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**
†Rance Vaughan by Karen Vaughan
†Herb Welch by Juliet Welch
†Marshall Hobbs and Family by the Polasek Family
†James E. Smith by Owen & Kim Gallagher

BASIC SKILLS IN LIFE:

- ♦ Dress well and Smile.
- ♦ Show respect.
- ♦ Accept situations.
- ♦ Speak the truth.
- ♦ Practice self-love.
- ♦ Have a broad mindset.
- ♦ Develop observation skills.
- ♦ Take care of your health.
- ♦ Pursue education.
- ♦ Have self-belief.
- ♦ Gain good knowledge in any particular field.
- ♦ Cultivate gratitude.
- ♦ Know your life purpose.
- ♦ Speak clearly and confidently.

From the Pastor's desk

LECTORS for JULY 19-20, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Les Hoelscher
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Andres Trevino
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Paul Pilarczyk



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - JULY 19-20, 2025

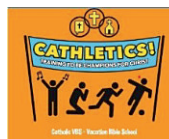
Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo, Louis Deases
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Rosa Trevino, Matt Kimmel
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Karen Vaughan, Barbara Rychetsky, Tony Nelson

ALTAR SERVERS for JULY 19-20, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Able Flurry, Abraum Flurry
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Casey Gwynn, Gabriel Kimmel, Cyprian Kimmel
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Sarita Nelson, Charleigh Nelson

USHERS for JULY 19-20, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman
Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, R. Mendiola
Sunday, 11:00 AM: D. Gonzalez, R. Garcia, D. Bluntzer, M. Ybarra



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to all those who made this year's Vacation Bible School a huge success. We had amazing adult and teen volunteers who shared their love of God with the children who participated. We appreciate the time and effort it took to help us with this week of VBS. Also, thank you to those who gave a donation to help cover the cost. All our hard work paid off when we heard parents were complimentary of our VBS and that their children were excited about coming.

God blessed us with a wonderful week!

Pauline Pechacek and Karen Harris, Coordinators

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, Stasha Landreth, Frank Cain, Ernie Skloss, Rose Pfeiler, Elaine Cain, Aida Deases, Ted & Jeanette Respondek, Todd Crawford, Eileen Champine, Tyler Skidmore, Arnold Guerra, Yolanda Galvan, Fred Guerra, Joanna Guerra, Ramiro Trevino, Tom Crawford, Simon Bucknall, Ravyn Brown, Frances Hicks, Lydia Gonzalez, Graciela Garza, Nicole Ginn, Evelyn Castillo, Jaime Garza, Homer Garcia, Rita Conroy, Susan Chavarry, and Joe Garza.

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

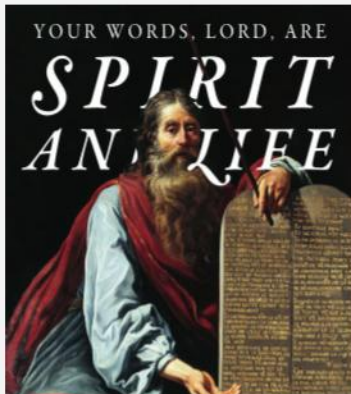


LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Luke 10:25-37).

FAMILY CONNECTION:

Families rely on selfless love. Parents show love for their children not just when it's convenient, but whenever their children's needs must be met. Imagine if the members of a family were concerned only with their own needs. How quickly things would fall apart!



In the story of the Good Samaritan, we learn about someone who went out of his way to care for the needs of another. He recognized the victim as his brother and accepted responsibility for him. As a family, talk about the responsibilities of each member of the family. Share how you, as parents, care for the needs of everyone in the family even when it's inconvenient. Ask your children to share times when they did chores and helped the family even when it was not convenient.

Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 10:25-37. Talk about how the Samaritan went out of his way to care for the needs of the victim. Make a commitment as a family to follow the example of the Good Samaritan. Explain that the more you learn to accept responsibility for each other's needs at home, the more you'll be able to accept responsibility for the needs of others in the world.

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From the Pastor's desk

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Readings

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 36-37; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin;

Tuesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;

Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel;

Friday: St. Camillus del Lellis, Priest; **Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary.

Parish Website: www.christon624.com

SOCIAL RULES THAT MAKE LIFE EASIER

1. Don't interrupt when someone is speaking.
2. Say "please" and "thank you" genuinely.
3. Respect personal space—read the room.
4. If someone looks busy,
don't force conversation.
5. Don't overshare—keep it balanced.
6. Remember names and use them.
7. Never make fun of someone in a group.
8. Don't brag—let your actions speak.
9. Always greet people with a smile
or kind word.

From the Pastor's desk



**HAVE A SAFE AND
HAPPY SUMMER!**

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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 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.

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