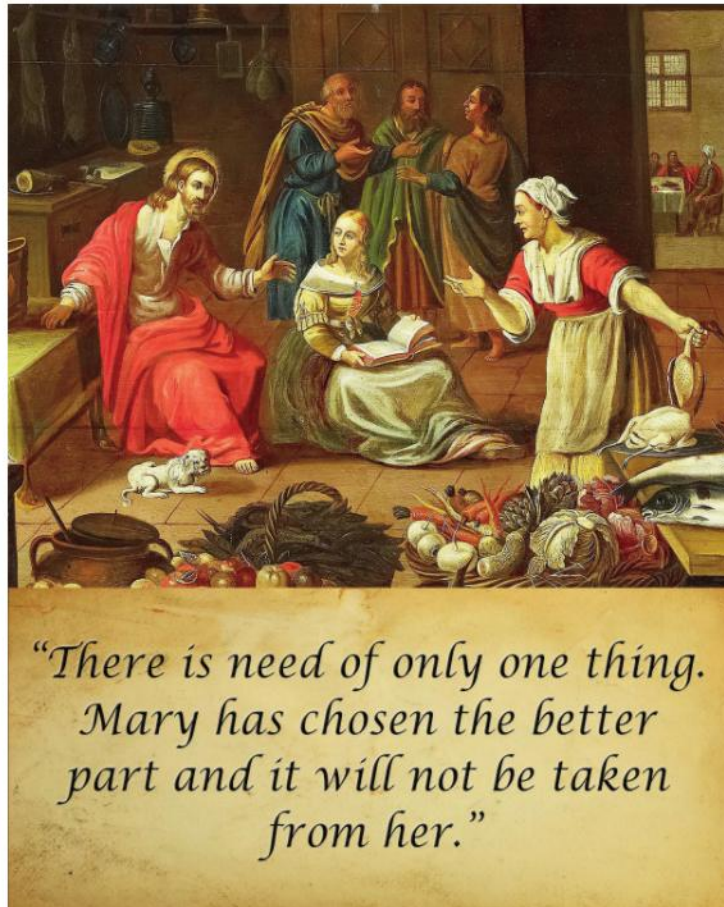


The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with



the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins Chapter 10 — love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and bounda-

ries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

Holy Mass Readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15:2-5; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42.



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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

*"He who does justice
will live in the presence of the Lord."*

Psalms 15

Masses and Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *Fred & Suzette Gimbel (Anniversary)* by the Tajchman's

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Frank Nemec and †Henry Strimiska* by the Tajchman's

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Janice Johnson (AOB)* by David & Susie Tajchman

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *Fr. Philip Panackal (Birthday)* by CDA of St. Thomas

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Glen and †Mary Dawson by Tom Dawson
 5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†David Tajchman, Jr. (AOD) by David & Susie Tajchman

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**
James Lozano (Special Intention) by Frank & Velma Lozano
Ella Martinez (Special Intention) by Jazmine Duff
†Pat Gallagher by Owen & Kim Gallagher
†John Bowman II by John & Chi Bowman
†Paul O'Brien by Mary Ann Mangold

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church;

Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene; **Wednesday:** St. Bridget, Religious;

Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest;

Friday: St. James, Apostle;

Saturday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Our deepest condolences to the Gonzalez Family
on the death of*

†Mrs. Lydia Gonzalez

Mother of David (Rosa Carrillo) Gonzalez of St. Thomas Parish

*Please keep the family in your prayers.
May her soul rest in peace.*

Pastor and Parishioners

LECTORS for JULY 26-27, 2025

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



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - JULY 26-27, 2025

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

ALTAR SERVERS for JULY 26-27, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Grace Landry, 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 JULY 26-27, 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

TRUE FRIENDS

Good friends care for each other.
 Close friends understand each other.
But true friends stay forever.
Beyond words, beyond distance, and beyond time.

From the Pastor's desk

CZECHFEST/PARISH FESTIVAL

All parishioners are invited to the planning of our parish festival CZECHFEST on Tuesday, **July 29, 2025** at 6:00 p.m. in the I.C. Hall. We need your ideas and help to make our festival successful.

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 tmslawofc@aol.com

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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, Cambri Calaway, Stephanie Landreth, Josie Blevins, Patrick Landreth, Fred Nemec, Mari Beth, Mable Ginn, Alva Rosas, Blaine Ainsworth, Noe Ramos, Gayla Schaefer, Ruthie Weathersby, Debra Wood, David Rowden, Valerie Rich, Yolanda Peña, Tommy Pritchard, Kathryn White, Wallace Prukop, Juan Rodriguez, Emil Prukop, Solomon Abdo II, Estefana Munoz, Charlie & Jean Chapman, 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, Graciela Garza, Evelyn Castillo, Nicole Ginn, Jaime Garza, Homer Garcia, Rita Conroy, Joe Garza, 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 10:38-42).

FAMILY CONNECTION: In our families and homes, we have boundaries. Some are geographical; we may have our own room or part of a room that we want others to stay out of. Parents may have home offices that are off-limits to children. Some boundaries are behavioral; children may speak one way to their friends, but they are not allowed to speak the same way to their parents or other adults. A curfew is another type of boundary, whose purpose is to protect children's safety.

Talk about examples of boundaries in your family. For the most part, these boundaries are good. Talk about how sometimes we set up boundaries for the wrong reasons. For example, if we are angry with a sibling, we may draw a line and tell him or her to stay on his or her side. Explain that when we use boundaries to exclude others, we are being hurtful. Point out how in Jesus' time, some boundaries were used to unfairly exclude people. One example was from last week's Gospel: Samaritans. This Sunday's Gospel has another example: women. Talk about how the role of women has changed in your lifetime. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus breaks down a barrier that kept women from being disciples.

Read aloud Luke 10:38-42. Talk about how Martha is conditioned by the existing boundaries of her society, but how her sister, Mary, breaks through that boundary and becomes a disciple of Jesus. Talk about how you can work as a family to break down boundaries that separate people. Point out that when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we call God "Our Father," meaning that we are all his children; no boundaries should separate us. Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer.

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7/12-13/2025 Online Giving:	\$1,261.00
TOTAL	\$8,513.00

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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church is seeking bids for the construction of a new rectory on the church premises at 16602 FM 624, Robstown, TX. The plans and specifications are available for inspection and copying by any contractors interested in bidding. Any bidders must meet the diocesan guidelines concerning insurance.

The bids must contain a very thorough breakdown of the proposal with detailed pricing of the roofing, foundation, framing and cabinetry. This is for residential construction and will require certification by a windstorm engineer. All bids should be submitted by July 31, 2025.

If interested, please contact the parish office of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church at 361-387-1312 or email the office at stthomastheapostle@christon624.com.

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HAPPY SUMMER!**

7 SIGNS YOU ARE A HIGH VALUE PERSON

1. You judge people by their **character**, not their looks.
2. **Gossip** and small talk don't interest you—you prefer depth.
3. You notice everything but choose to respond **wisely**.
4. You disagree **respectfully** without raising your voice.
5. You **uplift** others, knowing it elevates you too.
6. You value **effort** over results and always show appreciation.
7. **Criticism** doesn't bother you—it reflects their limits, not yours.

From the Pastor's desk



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