

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant



Take care to guard against all greed.

**THOUGH ONE
may be rich,
ONE'S LIFE
does not consist
OF POSSESSIONS**
LUKE 12:15

idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

When we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Holy Mass Readings for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21.



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Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick: 4:00 PM
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

"Fill us at daybreak with your mercy, that all our days we may sing for joy."

Psalm 90:14

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Paul O'Brien by Elizabeth O'Brien
 5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†David Lee Martini by Jim & Theresa Martini

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**
Jim Landreth, Jr. (Special Intention) by Mary Havelka
†Peter Gallagher by Owen & Kim Gallagher
†Louise Rathke by Kathy Rathke
†Herb Welch by Juliet Welch
†Rodrigo R. Gonzalez (AOB) by Rosario Gonzalez

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

12:00 PM: No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *Hailey Landreth (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Patrick Nemec* by Fred Nemec

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Harley Riebschleager* by Betty Conally

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Adelfa Tamez (AOD)* by Cruz & Diana Hernandez

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
Special Intention of Michael Cantu by the Cantu Family
 5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†John Bowman II by John & Chi Bowman
†Herb Welch (AOD) by Juliet Welch
†James Kurtz by Danny & Roberta Kurtz
†Kristi Stark by Danny & Roberta Kurtz

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: *James Lozano (Special Intention)* by Frank & Velma Lozano

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, T. J. Williams, Kathy Rathke, Nicole Ginn, Susan Chavary, Jaime Garza, Homer Garcia, Rita Conroy, and Joe Garza.

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

LECTORS for AUGUST 9-10, 2025

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



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - AUGUST 9-10, 2025

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

ALTAR SERVERS for AUGUST 9-10, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Grace Landry, 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 AUGUST 9-10, 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

RELIGIOUS ED / EDGE / LIFE TEEN REGISTRATION

Religious Ed / EDGE / LIFE TEEN registration is now open: We look forward to a fabulous 2025-26 school year with your kiddos!!!

If you have returning students in our program, please e-mail me with their names and grade level. If your contact information has changed, please also provide that information in the e-mail.

If you are new to the parish, please make sure you have submitted a parish registration form to the church office. If you have not done so, you can find the registration form on our website (www.christon624.com) under *Newcomers* and then go to tab "Register - St. Thomas". Once form is completed, please submit original to parish office or put it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. You can also find our religious ed registration form on our website (*only new members need to complete this form*) under *Parish Life*, then go to *Religious Ed* tab. You will see "CCD Registration Form". Please complete this form for each student you want to register for religious ed. Once completed, you can e-mail that form to me. **The Parish Registration Form must be submitted to Parish Office before we can register students for our religious ed programs.**

More information coming soon on dates for "Welcome Back and Orientation" and dates that Religious Ed, Edge, and Life Teen will resume.

If you have any other questions about registration or students that may need to get on track with their sacraments, please feel free to contact me.

Michele Hoelscher, DRE

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LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Luke 12:13-21).

FAMILY CONNECTION: Family life helps us learn about the values of solidarity and the common good. As a family, we strive to respect the rights of each family member and make decisions that promote the common good of the family. Talk about what it would be like if the family ordered a pizza and then divided it unevenly, with some members getting as many pieces as they wanted while others got only a half slice. Talk about how you work to make sure that everyone in the family has his or her fair share.

Talk about how your family is also a member of the human family, called to share the goods of creation fairly and justly. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to remember that the goods of the world are intended to be shared by all. Read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Talk about the parable of the rich fool and ask family members to describe what they think he did wrong. Emphasize that although the man in the story doesn't seem bad, Jesus points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. Emphasize that when we fail to think about the needs of others, we call that a sin of omission.

Remind your children that each time we go to Mass, we ask forgiveness for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. We call this prayer the *Confiteor*. Pray together the *Confiteor*.

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From the Pastor's desk

6 QUICK LIFE LESSONS

1. Most people won't remember you when you're gone—make peace with it.
2. You'll always lose something along the way—learn to let go.
3. Hard work doesn't always pay off—sometimes, it's just luck.
4. Nobody cares about your excuses—Take responsibility or move on.
5. The people you trust the most will hurt you the deepest—don't be naive.
6. Your dreams won't come true unless you work for them—stop waiting for a miracle.

From the desk of the Pastor

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. John Vianney, Priest;

Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major;

Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord;

Thursday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs, St. Cajetan, Priest; **Friday:** St. Dominic, Priest;

Saturday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr, Blessed Virgin Mary.

**BID SOLICITATION
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RECTORY**

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. Deadline will be announced later.

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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OFFERINGS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

7/26-27/2025 Regular Collection:	\$7,152.85
7/26-27/2025 Online Giving:	\$ 961.00
TOTAL	\$8,113.85

ST. PATRICK MISSION

7/26/2025 Regular Collection:	\$1,192.00
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HAPPY SUMMER!**

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 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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