

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to

Gird your loins
and light
your lamps
and be like the
servants who
await their
master's
return from
a wedding,
ready to open
immediately
when he comes
back and knocks.

Luke 12:35-36

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Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church.

Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.



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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

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Luke 12:34

Masses and Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Paul O'Brien* by Elizabeth O'Brien

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30 PM: *†Harley Riebschleager* by Mary Ann Hans

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12:00 PM: *Sharla Tajchman Dee (Birthday)* by The Tajchman's

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**

†Patrick Nemec by Bob & Joan Black

5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

†Sylvester Vo by John & Chi Bowman

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*

11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**

†Alicia C. Carrillo by Rosa Carrillo & David Gonzalez

†Kay Havelka by C.B. & Kathleen Trial

†Herb Welch by Owen & Kim Gallagher

†Cardoza Wells by the Burney Family

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 Chavarry, Jaime Garza, Homer Garcia, Rita Conroy, Joe Garza, Dalia Gutierrez.

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



LECTORS for AUGUST 16-17, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Annette Freeman

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Andres Trevino

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Paul Pilarczyk



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - AUGUST 16-17, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo, Louis Deases

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Matt Kimmel, Rosa Trevino

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Barbara Rychetsky, Karen Vaughan, Tony Nelson

ALTAR SERVERS for AUGUST 16-17, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Abraum Flurry, Able Flurry

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Casey Gwynn, Gabriel Kimmel, Cyprian Kimmel

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Sarita Nelson, Charleigh Nelson

USHERS for AUGUST 16-17, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman

Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Reitorik, M. Reilly, R. Mendiola

Sunday, 11:00 AM: D. Gonzalez, R. Garcia, D. Bluntzer, M. Ybarra

Parish Website: www.christon624.com

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Clare, Virgin;

Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious;

Wednesday: St. Pontian, Pope, and St. Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs;

Thursday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr;

Friday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary, Blessed Virgin Mary.

HOW TO RAISE A RESPECTFUL CHILD

1. Be respectful yourself—they copy you.
2. Teach them to say "please" and "thank you".
3. Set clear boundaries with kindness.
4. Don't tolerate rude behavior, correct calmly.
5. Praise respectful actions immediately.
6. Teach empathy—how others feel matters.
7. Let them speak, and truly listen.
8. Discipline without yelling or shaming.
9. Show them how to handle disagreements.
10. Help them take responsibility for mistakes.

From the desk of the Pastor

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.

LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Luke 12:32-48).

FAMILY CONNECTION: Years ago, most families had only one or two clocks in their home. Today, we have clocks everywhere—on our walls, on our microwave ovens, on our DVD players, on our cell phones, and so on. As a family, go through the house and count how many clocks (time-telling devices) your family has. Talk about important events for which family members need to be on time. Recall experiences of being late for something, either as individuals or as a family. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about how important it is for us to be aware and alert, otherwise, we will miss something.

Read Luke 12:32-48. Discuss what our job is as disciples of Jesus. Explain that, just as we need to be aware of the time so that we don't miss anything important, we also need to be alert and focused on our jobs, our responsibilities as followers of Jesus.

Encourage each family member to place a sacred symbol near the clock that they use most in the house and to use the symbol and the clock as a reminder that it is always "time" for us to be acting like disciples of Christ.

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From the Pastor's desk

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.

Thomas Schumacher
Building Committee Chairperson
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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

CGS and EDGE:

Welcome Back and Orientation with parents and students—
Sunday, August 31, 2025 at 9:45 a.m. in I.C. Hall.
Sessions begin on Sunday, September 21, 2025

LIFETEEN

Welcome Back and Orientation with parents and students—
Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. in I.C. Hall.
Sessions begin on Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Michele Hoelscher, DRE

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

8/2-3/2025 Regular Collection:	\$7,640.50
8/2-3/2025 Online Giving:	\$1,314.00
TOTAL	\$8,954.50

ST. PATRICK MISSION

8/2/2025 Regular Collection:	\$548.40
Money Counters: A. Freeman & R. Unterbrink	

OFFERINGS



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