

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him..."

Luke 14:8



move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good

society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about.

Holy Mass Readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 29-29; Psalm 68:4-7, 10-11; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14.



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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

**"Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart."**

Matthew 11:29ab

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
**Kay Havelka* by C.B. & Kathleen Trial
 5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
**Augustine Carpenter* by Danny & Roberta Kurtz

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**
James Lozano (Special Intention) by Frank & Velma Lozano
Karen Vaughan (Birthday) by the Smith Family
**Mike Hunter (AOB)* by Byron & Rachel Unterbrink
**Maggie Benys (AOD)* by Vic & Denise Benys

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 - LABOR DAY

12:00 PM: *No Mass*



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: **Charles and *Esilla Lawley* by Patricia & Moria Cain

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: **David Lee Martini* by Jim & Theresa Martini

FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: **All Soul's in Purgatory* by Jerry Knesek

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
**Patrick Nemec* by Bob & Joan Black
 5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
**Linda Bodie* by Danny & Roberta Kurtz
**Marylyn Webb (AOB)* by Hazel Grimes
**Paul O'Brien* by Elizabeth O'Brien
**Maria Nguyen* by John & Chi Bowman
**Cardoza Wells* by David & Susie Tajchman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: *Jim Landreth, Jr. (Special Intention)* by Mary Havelka

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, Solomon Abdo II, Frank Cain, Estefana Munoz, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Stasha Landreth, Rose Pfeiler, Elaine Cain, Ted & Jeanette Respondek, Fred Guerra, Todd Crawford, Eileen Champine, Tyler Skidmore, Arnold Guerra, Yolanda Galvan, Joanna Guerra, Ramiro Trevino, Tom Crawford, Simon Bucknall, Ravyn Brown, Frances Hicks, Graciela Garza, Evelyn Castillo, T. J. Williams, Kathy Rathke, Susan Chavary, Nicole Ginn, Jaime Garza, Homer Garcia, Rita Conroy, Joe Garza, Dalia Gutierrez, Wilma Grupe and Miles Elliott Martinez.

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

LECTORS for SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Annette Freeman
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Frances Nelson
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: David Gonzalez



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo, Louis Deases
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Tony Nelson, Aaron Hoelscher
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Javier Flores, Gianna Flores, Kera Steward

ALTAR SERVERS for SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Able Flurry, Abraum Flurry
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Casey Gwynn, Sarita Nelson, Charleigh Nelson
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Liam Sanchez, Eliana Garza

USHERS for SEPTEMBER 6-7, 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. Dusek, D. Bluntzer, P. Pilarczyk, M. Ybarra

2025 PARISH FESTIVAL/CZECHFEST

**SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, October 5, 2025**

Our parish festival "CZECHFEST" is six weeks away. To be successful, we need your help and support.

The kolache baking committee will be baking kolaches all day on **Saturday, September 6**. Parishioners are invited. Just bring hat, apron, and food handlers card and join them to help make the delicious kolaches.

The auktion and the country store committees are now accepting items for the live and silent auction and the country store. New items or hand crafted items are needed. Please put a value on your item(s) along with your name and bring them to the parish office or at Holy Mass on the weekend. Our parish festival "CzechFest" has been very successful in the past thanks to the generous donations of our parishioners, local merchants, and friends. For any questions or to find out where your help is needed email Tom Schumacher or Tony Arredondo or you can call the parish office.

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OFFERINGS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

8/23-24/2025 Regular Collection: \$5,415.55
 8/23-24/2025 Online Giving: \$ 941.00
TOTAL \$6,356.55

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8/23/2025 Regular Collection: \$571.00
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CONDITIONAL BAPTISM**WHAT IT IS AND WHEN IT IS APPLIED?
A THEOLOGICAL AND PASTORAL GUIDE****1. What Is Conditional Baptism?**

Conditional baptism is a sacrament administered **when there is reasonable doubt about the validity of a previous baptism.** Unlike ordinary baptism, which is performed with certainty that it is being administered for the first time, conditional baptism is conferred with the formula: *"If you are not baptized, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

Why is it necessary?

Baptism imparts an **indelible mark on the soul** (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1272), meaning it cannot be repeated. However, if there is uncertainty about whether a prior baptism was valid (e.g., if the Trinitarian formula was not used or if there was no intention to do what the Church does), the Church permits this act under condition to ensure the salvation of the soul without committing sacrilege.

*(To be continued)**From the desk of the Pastor***SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES****Monday:** Labor Day;**Wednesday:** St. Gregory the Great, Pope, and Doctor of the Church;**First Friday:** St. Teresa of Calcutta; **Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary.**Parish Website:** www.christon624.com**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.

If interested, please email the parish office at stthomastheapostle@christon624.com or call our office at 361-387-1312.

*Thomas Schumacher, Chairperson
Email: tmslawofc@aol.com*

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.**

The registration fee is \$25 for the first kiddo and \$10 for each additional kiddo. You can put your registration fee in an envelope marked "Religious Ed Registration Fee" and put it in the collection basket when you go to Holy Mass. If you write a check, please make it payable to St. Thomas the Apostle. No pressure or rush on the registration fee . . . Just when you can and if you can.

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

E-Mail: mhoelscher@christon624.com; Cell: 361-244-2138.**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

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