

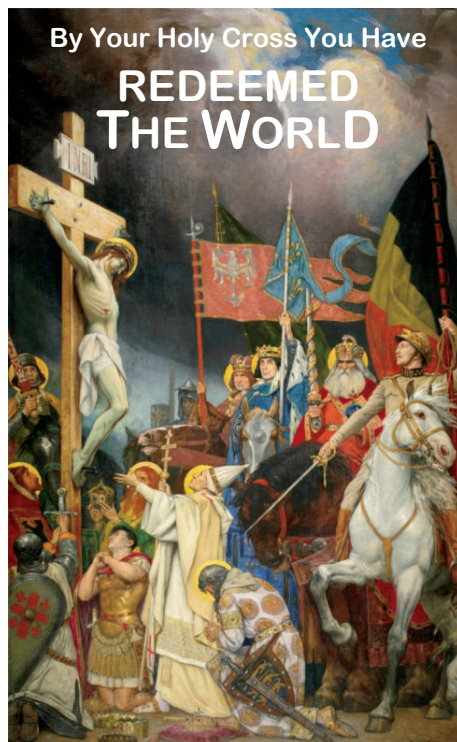
In John's Gospel, Jesus' death on the cross as well as his resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For him, the cross is a sign of exaltation. The serpent that Moses lifted up in the desert to offer healing to those injured by snake bites prefigures Jesus' being lifted up on the cross, bringing salvation.

The eternal life God offers through Jesus is not life without end but life lived in the unending presence of God. That is why it can begin now in this life. The world to which God sends the Son is not a place for those people who are at odds with Jesus and God. Jesus is sent to this world as a gift. Only believers accept the gift.

Finally, God's judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world has to decide to accept him. Those who accept him have eternal life at the moment of the decision. Those who reject him don't.

Family Connection

As a family, sit down together and brainstorm a list of family highlights, moments in the lives of family members that are to be celebrated, such as achievements, accomplishments, and awards.



Spend some time reminiscing about these various events or moments. Remind your children of how proud you are of them. Point out that often achievements and accomplishments are signified by the presentation of trophies, medals, ribbons, or certificates. Show some examples of such awards in your family's possession. Say, *We have one other symbol in our home that celebrates a victory that we all can share in.* Show a cross or crucifix that you keep on display in your home. Say: *This is a symbol of God's victory over death. Jesus died on the cross, but because of his Resurrection, the cross has become for us, not a symbol of defeat, but a symbol of victory.*

Explain that the following Gospel is from the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Have a family member read aloud John 3:13–17. Talk about what the word exaltation means—to raise high, to lift up, to sing praise to. Remind your family that whenever they see the cross displayed in your home, it is a reminder to exalt, to praise God for loving us so much that he gave us his only Son, Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Sign of the Cross, a prayer that exalts God's love.

Holy Mass Readings for THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1-2, 34-34, 36-37, 38; Philipians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17.



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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

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 - Fr. Jim Craig

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
**Kay Havelka* by C.B. & Kathleen Trail
 5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
**Harlew Conally* by Betty Conally

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 - Fr. Pete Elizardo

Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle
 8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**
Trenton Landreth (Birthday) by Pat Landreth
Ella Martinez (Special Intention) by Jazmine Duff
**Cecilia Diegel* by Pat Landreth
**Lisa Marie Landreth* by Pat Landreth
**Patrick Nemec* by Bob & Joan Black

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 - Fr. Kurian Joseph

Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle
 12:00 PM: **Clement Vo* by John & Chi Bowman

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 - Fr. Kurian Joseph

Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle
 12:00 PM: *Zachary Dee (Birthday)* by David & Susie Tajchman

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *Communion Service*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: **Patricia Nemec (AOB)* by Fred Nemec

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
**Elaine McCown (AOD)* by Celestia Bluntzer
 5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
**Richard Chavarry (AOD)* by Terri Chavarry

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**
Ismael Carlos Peña (Birthday) by Yolanda Peña
Yolanda Peña (Birthday) by Peña Family
**Rance Vaughan (AOB)* by Karen Vaughan
**Ismael Peña, Jr. (AOD)* by Yolanda Peña
**Victor Benys, Sr. (AOD)* by Vic & Denise Benys

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, Valerie Rich, Yolanda Peña, Tommy Pritchard, Kathryn White, Wallace Prukop, Juan Rodriguez, Solomon Abdo II, Frank Cain, Estefana Munoz, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Stasha Landreth, Eileen Champine, Todd Crawford, Rose Pfeiler, Tyler Skidmore, Yolanda Galvan, Elaine Cain, Ted & Jeanette Respondek, Rita Conroy, Joe Garza, Simon Bucknall, Arnold Guerra, Joanna Guerra, Ramiro Trevino, Tom Crawford, Evelyn Castillo, Frances Hicks, Graciela Garza, T. J. Williams, Kathy Rathke, Dalia Gutierrez, Susan Chavarry, Fred Guerra, Nicole Ginn, Ravyn Brown, Jaime Garza, Arnold Dill, Wilma Grupe, Miles Elliott Martinez, David Tajchman, Pat Landreth, Susie Tajchman, Jim Landreth, Jr., Cindy West, and Elmyra Casner.

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



"God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

John 3:17

LECTORS for SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Annette Freeman
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Andres Trevino
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Paul Pilarczyk



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - SEPTEMBER 20-21,

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 SEPTEMBER 20-21, 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 SEPTEMBER 20-21, 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

Our deepest condolences to the Tighe Family on the death of



†Mrs. Amelia Tighe



Sister of Anna (Fred) Ramos of St. Thomas Parish

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

Pastor and Parishioners

2025 PARISH FESTIVAL/CZECHFEST

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

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

The auction 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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Tony Arredondo, Co-Chairman
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CONDITIONAL BAPTISM**WHAT IT IS AND WHEN IT IS APPLIED?
A THEOLOGICAL AND PASTORAL GUIDE****When Should Conditional Baptism Be Applied?**

Here are four of the most common cases in which it is recommended:

- Baptisms in other Christian denominations** (if the Trinitarian formula was not used or there was no sacramental intention).
- Emergency Baptisms** performed by laypeople without certainty of the correct formula.
- Lost or doubtful records** (e.g. adopted persons without a baptismal certificate).
- Converts from non-Christian religions** who are unsure about a possible prior baptism.

When is it not necessary?

If the previous baptism was clearly valid (e.g., in the Catholic Church, Orthodox Church, or some Protestant communities that preserve the Trinitarian formula).

(To be continued)

From the desk of the Pastor

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows;

Tuesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs;

Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church,
St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church;

Friday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr;

Saturday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang,
and Companions, Martyrs.

**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.

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

SPECIAL OFFERING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**Parish Festival "CzechFest"**

St. Thomas the Apostle

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: Sessions begin on Sunday, September 21.

LIFETEEN: Sessions begin on Wednesday, September 24.

Michele Hoelscher, DRE

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

9/6-7/2025 Regular Collection:	\$6,419.00
9/6-7/2025 Online Giving:	\$1,806.00
TOTAL	\$8,225.00
9/6-7/2025 Catholic University:	\$317.00
9/6-7/2025 Collection for Gaza:	\$710.83

ST. PATRICK MISSION

9/6/2025 Regular Collection:	\$463.00
9/6/2025 Collection for Gaza:	\$91.00

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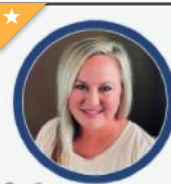
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