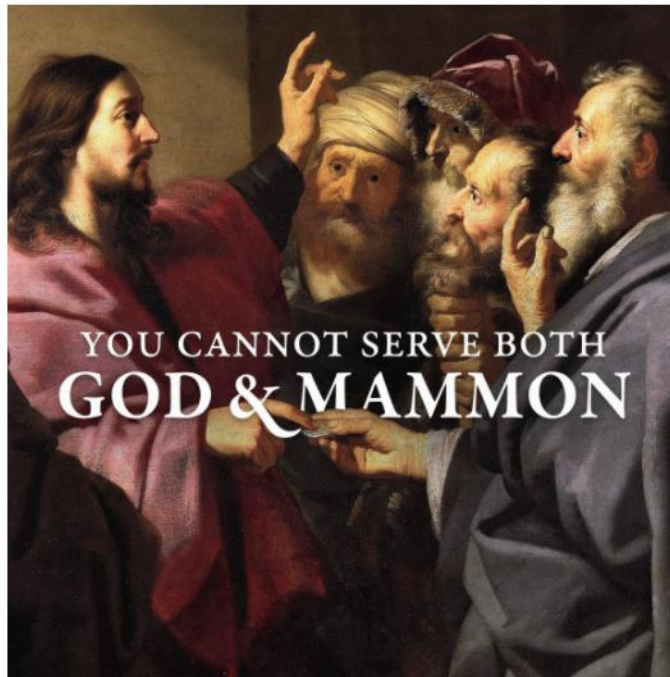


Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied

to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.



The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

Talk with your children about some things that they have done to show

that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Responsibility often means that we put aside something of passing value for something of greater value.

Read together the short form of today's Gospel, Luke 16:10-13. Talk about the importance of responsible use of money and our material possessions. As a family, commit to one action that you will take this week to show that your family serves God and not money.

Holy Mass Readings for The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13.



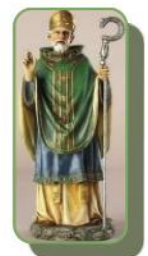
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Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick: 4:00 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas: 5:30 PM
Holy Day Vigil @ St. Thomas: 6:30 PM
Weekday Masses @ St. Thomas: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
CONFESSIONS @ St. Thomas: 30 Minutes before 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

"In every place all should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument."

1 Timothy 2:8

Masses and Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *Riley Yeats (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *†Sylvester Vo* by John & Chi Bowman

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†David Tajchman, Jr.* by David & Susie Tajchman

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Emerick and †Angeline Tajchman* by the Tajchman's

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Patrick Nemec by Bob & Joan Black
 5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†Maria Nguyen by John & Chi Bowman
†Adelfa Tamez (AOB) by Cruz & Diana Hernandez
†Delia Gonzales (AOB) by Eliseo Cantu
†Marylyn Webb by Hazel Grimes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: *Preston and Breanne Smith (Wedding Anniversary)*
 by Karen Vaughan

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.



LECTORS for SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2025

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



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - SEPTEMBER 27-28,

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

ALTAR SERVERS for SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Grace Landry, Matthew Cortino, Michael Cortino
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Joseph Hess, Gabriel & Cyprian Kimmel, Miles Shimek
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Liam Sanchez, Eliana Garza

USHERS for SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Reitorik, M. Reilly, T. Schumacher
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: B. Boatright, S. Woolf, E. Sanchez, R. Garcia

RELIGIOUS ED / EDGE / LIFE TEEN

CGS and EDGE: Sessions begin on Sunday, September 21.

LIFETEEN: Sessions begin on Wednesday, September 24.

If you have any questions about registration please contact Michele Hoelscher at 361-244-2138 or by email mhoelscher@christon624.com.

Michele Hoelscher, DRE

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; **Friday**: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; **Saturday**: St. Vincent De Paul, Priest.

2025 PARISH FESTIVAL/CZECHFEST

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

Our parish festival "CZECHFEST" is two weeks away. To be successful, we need your help and support. Sign-up to work at the different activities on the sheets in the foyer of the church

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. 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

Conditional baptism is a manifestation of the Church's maternal care, ensuring that no soul is lost due to technical doubts. In a world where many have received questionable baptisms (due to secularization, ignorance, or ecclesial divisions), this act guarantees that Christ's grace reaches all with certainty.

If you have concerns about your baptism, approach a priest. Do not assume you need to be "re-baptized"; the Church only permits conditional baptism. If you received conditional baptism, live out your faith joyfully, knowing you have been fully incorporated into Christ.

Beyond sacramental validity, what matters is living out baptismal promises:

**Reject sin and all that separates us from God.
Profess the Catholic faith with conviction.
Be a light to the world, bringing Christ to others.**

Baptism, whether ordinary or conditional, is the beginning of a new life. As St. Paul says, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." (Galatians 3:27)

From the desk of the Pastor

**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*

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.

O.C.I.A. PROGRAM

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the Catholic Church's process for unbaptized adults or those baptized in another Christian tradition to become full members of the Church through a journey of formation, prayer, and study, culminating in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. It is also for baptized Catholics who haven't completed their initiation, allowing them to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

There shall be admission into OCIA after the completion of the application only. The Pastor will go through the necessary documents and references to approve the admission to the program. The applicant should get an approval letter from the Pastor to submit to Deacon Bill Cleavelin for admission.

If any civil marriage exists, it has to be convalidated before the full initiation into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil. The marriage preparation in the Church requires sufficient time and, therefore, the applicant may schedule an appointment early on with the Pastor. The preparation will take a minimum of six months.

If the applicant is engaged to or civilly married to a Catholic, kindly register under the Catholic's name for the needed registration in the Parish. If the applicant lives outside the jurisdiction of the Parish, it is advised to go to the Parish near where the applicant lives.

The approval letter from the Pastor is required before the applicant can enter into the OCIA formation process. Kindly schedule an appointment with the Pastor as early as possible.

Fr. Philip Panackal, Pastor

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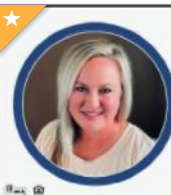


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