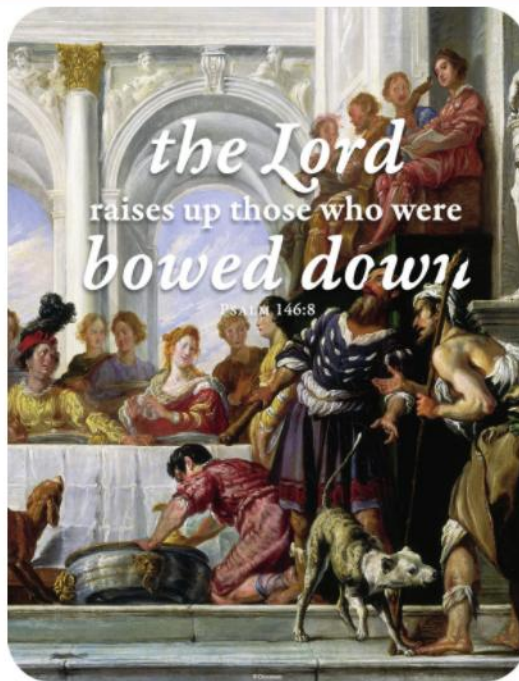


A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis



on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

Family Connection: Talk with your children about some of the things that they have that can be shared with others. Ask your children to describe a time when they had to share something that they had. Ask if this was easy or difficult and why. Talk about some of ways in which your family shares your possessions. Consider together some reasons why the rich man may not have shared his riches with the poor man, Lazarus. Identify some reasons why we might share our possessions with others. Make a commitment as a family to do something this week in which you will choose to share your possessions with someone in need.

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

Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 146:7-10; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31.



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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

"Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich."
2 Corinthians 8:9

Masses and Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †Harley Riebschleager by John & Annette Freeman

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †Nina Riebschleager by Betty Conally

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

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

FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †All Souls in Purgatory by Jerry Knesek

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†William Glasscock by Jerry & Carmen Rychetsky
5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†Steve Kurtz by Danny & Roberta Kurtz
†Harlew Conally by Betty Conally
†Cardoza Wells by Minerva Lopez
†Paul O'Brien by John & Annette Freeman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
10:00 AM: *James Lozano (Special Intention)* by the Lozano 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, 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, Elmyra Casner, and Harold Prejean.

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



LECTORS for OCTOBER 4-5, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Annette Freeman
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Agnes Flores
Sunday, 10:00 AM: David Gonzalez



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - OCTOBER 4-5, 2025

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

ALTAR SERVERS for OCTOBER 4-5, 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 OCTOBER 4-5, 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. Bluntzer, D. Dusek, P. Pilarczyk, M. Ybarra

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels;

Tuesday: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church;

Wednesday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church;

Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday;

Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Thomas the Apostle PARISH FESTIVAL Sunday, October 5, 2025 Join us for Sunday Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Our parish festival "CZECHFEST" is one week away. We invite you and your family and your friends to come join us for a day of food, fun and fellowship.

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, you can email Tom Schumacher or Tony Arredondo or you can call the parish office.

Tom Schumacher, Chairman
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Tony Arredondo, Co-Chairman
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SAINT PAUL'S JOURNEY IN GREECE

St. Paul's journey in Greece represents one of the most significant chapters in Christian history. Greece, with its rich cultural heritage, philosophical traditions, and bustling cities, became the backdrop for some of Paul's most memorable sermons and theological contributions.

During his second and third missionary journeys, St. Paul visited major Greek cities, including Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, and Philippi. Each city held unique challenges and opportunities, and Paul's ministry here laid the foundation for some of the earliest Christian communities in Europe.

Greece was not just a location for Paul's teaching, it was cultural bridge. Here, Greek philosophy met Christian theology, and Paul's ability to communicate across cultural and intellectual barriers played a crucial role in the spread of Christianity. Greece was the heart of Hellenistic culture and philosophy, influencing much of the Roman Empire.

(to be continued)

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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9/20-21/2025 Online Giving: \$1,616.00
TOTAL \$7,513.50

9/20-21/2025 CzechFest Collection: \$240.00
9/20-21/2025 Disaster Relief Collect: \$278.00

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