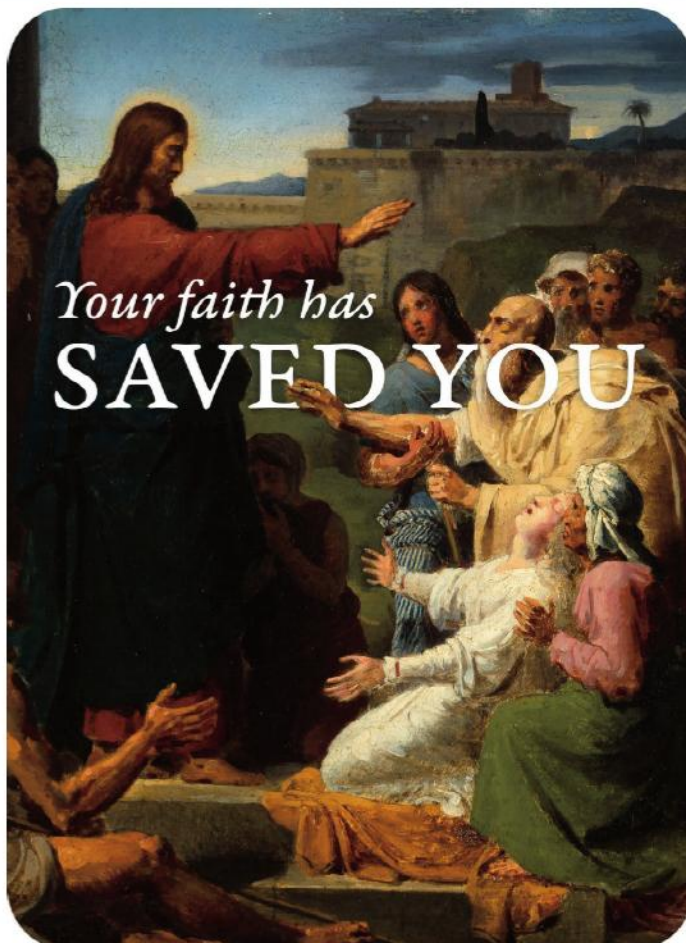


Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do



with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Family Connection:

Children fluctuate between moments of deep, heartfelt gratitude and an attitude of entitlement. These fluctuations are normal. Among our tasks as parents is to help foster the gift of gratitude, particularly gratitude to God for all God's goodness to us.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:11-19. Make a poster showing some of the gifts from God to your

family. Display this poster in a prominent place and, as a family, write a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to you.

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

2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19.



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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

"If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him."

2 Timothy 2:11

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

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

†Jacqueline Garcia by Sandra Garcia

†Gloria Guerra by Sandra Garcia

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

†Lillie Kurtz by Danny & Roberta Kurtz

†John Bowman II by John & Chi Bowman

†Cardoza Wells by the Burney Family

†Aida Deases by John & Annette Freeman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*

11:00 AM: *Margaret Young* by Owen & Kim Gallagher

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *Communion Service*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *Communion Service*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *Sutton Smith (Birthday)* by Karen Vaughan

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Rance Vaughan (AOD)* by Karen Vaughan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

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

†Pamela McCown Forshage (AOB) by Celestia Bluntzer

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

†David Tajchman, Jr. (AOB) by David & Susie Tajchman

†Lillie Kurtz by Danny & Roberta Kurtz

†Steve Kurtz by Danny & Roberta Kurtz

†Patrick Nemec by Bob & Joan Black

†Herb Welch by John & Annette Freeman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*

11:00 AM: *Aida Deases* by Rosario Gonzalez

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, Pat Landreth, Susie Tajchman, Jim Landreth, Jr., Cindy West, Elmyra Casner, Harold Prejean, and the Tajchman Family.

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

LECTORS for OCTOBER 18-19, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Annette Freeman

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Andres Trevino

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Paul Pilarczyk



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - OCTOBER 18-19, 2025

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

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

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

ALTAR SERVERS for OCTOBER 18-19, 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, Carlos Camacho

USHERS for OCTOBER 18-19, 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. Gonzalez, R. Garcia, M. Ybarra

Our deepest condolences to the Tajchman Family on the death of

†Mr. David Tajchman

Husband of Susie Tajchman of St. Thomas Parish

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

Pastor and Parishioners

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Columbus Day;

Tuesday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr;

Wednesday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church;

Thursday: St. Hedwig, Religious, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin;

Friday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr;

Saturday: St. Luke, Evangelist.

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.

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SAINT PAUL'S JOURNEY IN GREECE**Key Cities in St. Paul's Journey in Greece**

During Paul's second missionary journey (49-50 A.D.), he arrived in the city of Philippi. According to Acts 16, Paul sought out a place of prayer by the river. A woman named Lydia, along with a group of women, gathered by the riverside for prayer and worship. Philippi did not have a synagogue at that time. Paul preached to Lydia and the other women and shared the message of Christianity. Her heart was opened by the Lord, leading to her conversion. After her conversion, Lydia and the members of her household were baptized. Lydia became the first Greek and European woman baptized by Paul and was the first person to convert to Christianity. She was baptized in a river by the Apostle Paul thus marking the foundation of the First Christian Church in Europe. Philippi stands as a symbol of faith, resilience, and God's intervention.

Another key city was Thessalonica. Paul preached in Thessalonica's synagogue, but opposition from local authorities forced him to flee. A large number of Jews were not receptive to Paul's message. They became jealous and accused Paul of defying Caesar by claiming that there is another king named Jesus. The **Epistles to the Thessalonians** continue to guide Christians in faith and perseverance.

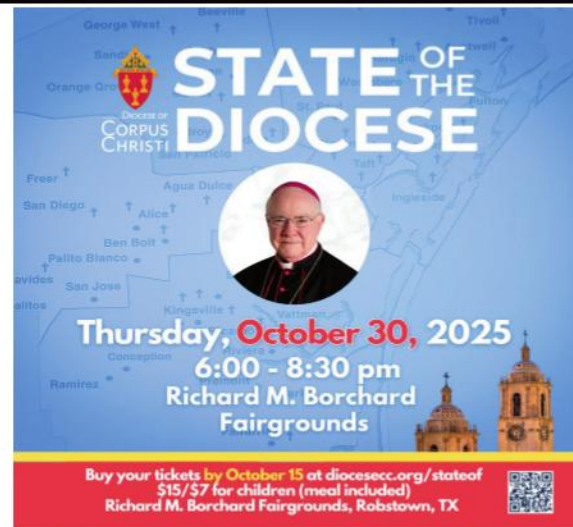
After fleeing Thessalonica, Paul arrived in Athens. Paul's spirit, while waiting in Athens for his traveling companions, is stirred when he notices the city has given itself totally to the worship of pagan gods. He begins to preach about Jesus in the synagogues, in the marketplace, and with just about anyone who would listen. He is soon heard by some philosophers known as the Epicureans and the Stoics.

The Epicureans believe the purpose of life is to 'eat, drink and be merry,' meaning to seek and indulge in the pleasures of life whenever possible. The Stoics, on the other hand, believe in depriving themselves and pursuing some sort of harmony with all that exists. After the Epicureans and Stoics in Athens dispute with Paul over his message, they take him to the Areopagus (or Mars Hill as the Romans call it) to further explain what he teaches. Paul uses an altar he sees dedicated to "an unknown god" as a springboard for teaching those in Athens about the real God that can be known (Acts 17).

Paul spent 18 months in Corinth where he established a thriving Christian community (Acts 18). He wrote 1 and 2 Corinthians addressing challenges withing the church,

(to be continued)

From the desk of the Pastor

**Parish Festival "Czechfest"**

Thank you

We wanted to thank all of the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Patrick Mission who helped make this year's parish festival "Czechfest" a resounding success. It was great to see so many parishioners working together to make sure that everything at the festival went smoothly. The main goal of Czechfest has always been less about money and more about parishioners getting to know each other better and working together toward a common goal, which includes spreading the love of Christ to others. I also want to thank all of the parishioners who attended the festival, which also contributed to its success. Thank you to the many priests who took time out of their busy schedule to come by to support our festival. On behalf of Fr. Philip, Tony Arredondo, and all of the chairs of the various Czechfest committees, I sincerely want to thank everyone for participating.

Tom Schumacher, Czechfest Chairperson
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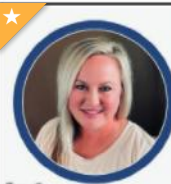
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