

On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all those who have died. There are many choices of readings for this day, all focusing on our belief in the resurrection of the dead and Jesus' promise of eternal life. The Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus offers us many important insights about this aspect of our faith.

Jesus was good friends with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. Lazarus had fallen ill, and Martha and Mary had sent word to Jesus. Jesus delays his journey to them, however, and when he arrives in Bethany, he finds that Lazarus is dead and has been buried for four days.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one; Lazarus and his family have many friends who have come to mourn his death. Martha goes out to meet Jesus when he arrives. She cries with him, saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Jesus consoles her with the promise that Lazarus would



The Solemnity of **All Saints**

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." *John 11:25-26*

The Commemoration of **All the Faithful Departed**



rise from the dead. Martha affirms her belief that there will be resurrection of the dead in the last days. Jesus promises her even more; he says that he himself is the Resurrection and the life for all those who believe in him. Martha professes her faith in this, acknowledging that Jesus is Christ, the Son of God.

This is the profession of faith we continue to make, and it is the promise on which we base our hope for eternal life for ourselves and for all those who have died. In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all those who believe in him.

We believe that we continue to share a relationship with those who have died. When we

pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we are praying for those whose souls are journeying through purgatory, being prepared for eternal life in heaven. We believe that our prayers for them will help to speed their journey to eternal life with God in heaven.



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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

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live."

John 11:25

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

ALL SAINTS DAY

4:00 PM: Mass @ St. Patrick Mission
†Joan Bluntzer (AOD) by Celestia Bluntzer
 5:30 PM: Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle
†Harlew Conally by Betty Conally
†Paul O'Brien by Mary Ann Mangold
†Patrick Nemec by Bob & Joan Black
†Sylvester Vo by John & Chi Bowman
†Herb Welch by John & Annette Freeman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

ALL SOULS DAY

8:30 AM: Parishioners
 11:00 AM: ALL SOULS NOVENA BEGINS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

12:00 PM: ALL SOULS NOVENA (No Mass)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: ALL SOULS NOVENA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: ALL SOULS NOVENA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: ALL SOULS NOVENA

FIRST FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: ALL SOULS NOVENA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

4:00 PM: Mass @ St. Patrick Mission
 ALL SOULS NOVENA
 5:30 PM: Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: ALL SOULS NOVENA
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Parish Website: www.christon624.com

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 Champagne, 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, Ravyn Brown, Dalia Gutierrez, Susan Chavarry, Fred Guerra, Nicole Ginn, Jaime Garza, Arnold Dill, Wilma Grupe, Miles Elliott Martinez, Pat Landreth, Susie Tajchman, Cindy West, Jim Landreth, Jr., Elmyra Casner, and Harold Prejean.

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



LECTORS for NOVEMBER 8-9, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Annette Freeman
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Terri Kimmel
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Velma Garcia



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - NOVEMBER 8-9, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Matt Kimmel, Fred Ramos
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Bill Kelly, Jesse Garcia

ALTAR SERVERS for NOVEMBER 8-9, 2025

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

USHERS for NOVEMBER 8-9, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, T. Schumacher
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: R. Polasek, D. Dusek, T. Brown, D. Brown

Holy Mass Readings for the Commemoration of All the Faithfully Departed

Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
 Romans 5:5-11; John 11:17-27.

OFFERINGS

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SPECIAL OFFERING — NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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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.

Catholic Daughters of America Court #2290: Contact Cynthia Garcia, Regent at 361-537-4470.

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COLLABORATING WITH OUR NEW MISSIONARY POPE

By Monsignor Roger J. Landry, National Director

(Continued from last week)

Somewhat shockingly, however, until May 8, 2025, we had never had a Pope whose vocation in the Church had been to serve the Church's missions to the nations: leaving home and traveling to a far different part of the world to share the Gospel in places where people have not yet heard it or where the Church is too young, too poor, or too persecuted to be self-sufficient.

That was the vocation of Father, and later Bishop, Robert Francis Prevost. As a child, he nourished a priestly vocation through celebrating "Mass" at home on an ironing board, preaching to his forbearing older brothers. He entered an Augustinian high school seminary and continued his formation at the Augustinians' flagship university, Villanova, before officially becoming a novice and making first vows. Living in community with fellow Augustinians, he met several friars who had returned from the Order's missions in Peru, established in 1551, and developed a desire, should God want it, to dedicate himself to that work. He served there for a year in between advanced studies in Rome. After completing his doctorate, he was delighted to be assigned full-time to the missions in Peru for the next decade.

He was then elected by his fellow Augustinians in the United States their prior provincial, or superior, and two years later, the prior general of the nearly 3,000 Augustinians across the globe. The latter position was a different type of missionary work, traveling half the year to the 50 different countries where the Augustinians are trying to reap the Lord's harvest, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Peru, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Ecuador, India, Korea, Indonesia, the Antilles, the Philippines, strengthening the Order's missionary work and her missionaries.

After 12 years of that service, he returned for a short stint serving his Province in the United States before Pope Francis sent him back as a missionary to Peru, naming him Bishop of Chiclayo and later apostolic administrator of Callao. After nine years, Pope Francis summoned him to Rome to serve as Prefect for the Dicastery of Bishops.

(to be continued)

From the desk of the Pastor

LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (John 11:17-27).

FAMILY CONNECTION: In Jesus' conversation with Martha, we learn that we can face death with hope because Jesus promises eternal life for all those who believe in him. In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death once and for all. In the Communion of the Saints, we continue to share a relationship with all those who have died. The saints in heaven intercede for us before God. We pray for the souls of the faithful departed. Our prayers for them help speed their journey to full communion with the saints in heaven. We praise God for this tremendous gift of our faith.

As you gather as a family, remember the names of family members or friends who have died. Talk about these people, sharing memories of their lives and their influence on your family. Recall that today is All Souls Day. On this day we remember all those who have died, and we pray for them. Read today's Gospel, John 11:17-27, in which we hear Jesus console his friend Martha after her brother's death. Talk about Jesus' promise of eternal life and our hope of eternal life for all those who have died.

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From the Pastor's desk

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious; **Tuesday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; **First Friday:** Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary.






Rekindling Our Faith is a special study series for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope with Bishop Michael Mulvey. Go to the Diocese of Corpus Christi Website: diocesecc.org/lent-series in which Bishop Mulvey will talk about some of the original documents of the Second Vatican Council. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* is the first document which reflects on the Sacred Liturgy. The second document *Dei Verbum* reflects on the Word of God. *Gaudium Et Spes* reflects on the Church in the Modern World. It is his hope that these reflections will help you to grow in your faith, your love of God, and your love of the Church.

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