

The story of the cleansing of the Temple is found in all four Gospels. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus is upset with the deceitful practices of the vendors and expels them for that reason. But in John, Jesus' authority is contrasted with the authority of the Temple cult and is a criticism of the cult itself.

The story is composed of two parts, Jesus' action in the Temple and Jesus' predictions about the Temple's destruction. The time of year is the sacred feast of Passover. If the many pilgrims to Jerusalem during Passover were to have animals for the sacrificial rituals of the feast, it was necessary to sell cattle in the Temple and to change the unclean Roman money. By denouncing this, Jesus is cutting to the core of the Temple cult.

The story is really about Jesus' fate, not the Temple's fate, revealing that Jesus, not the Temple, is the focus of God's presence on earth.



As they often do in John, the Jews misunderstand Jesus' words. This gives John the chance to explicitly state his point. Although this is the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is already speaking of his coming death and Resurrection.

John intentionally integrates a post - Resurrection perspective into the Gospel narrative. The statement that concludes this passage uses the fact of the Resurrection to prove the point of Jesus' words. Believers need to remember the words and actions of Jesus and claim them as affirmations of the truths of their faith.

Christians sometimes point to Jesus' anger in this passage as a way to point out Jesus' humanity. But this would miss the powerful point of the entire Gospel, that the Word became flesh. The point is not that Jesus' anger proves he is human. It is that a human being, in his words and actions, can claim the authority of God.

### **Holy Mass Readings for the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**

**Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22.**



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**Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas:** 5:30 PM  
**Holy Day Vigil @ St. Thomas:** 6:30 PM  
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**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

**"Do you know that you are the Temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"**

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

### Masses and Intentions for the Week

#### 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 9, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: **ALL SOULS NOVENA**

11:00 AM: **ALL SOULS NOVENA**

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

12:00 PM: No Mass

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: Rachel Unterbrink (Birthday) by Byron Unterbrink

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †Paul O'Brien (AOB) by Elizabeth O'Brien

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †Johnny Knesek (AOB) by Jerry Knesek

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

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

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

4:00 PM: Mass @ St. Patrick Mission

†Juan Jose Guerra and †Johnny Guerra, Jr. by the Guerra Family

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

Ava Peña (Birthday) by Yolanda Peña

Gabriel Peña (Birthday) by Yolanda Peña

Georgia Smith (Birthday) by Karen Vaughan

†David Lee Martini (AOB) by Jim & Theresa Martini

†Cardoza Wells (AOB) by David & Susie Tajchman

†Robert Keys by Danny & Roberta Kurtz

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: Parishioners

11:00 AM: †Caitlynn Prukop (AOD) by Karen Vaughan

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### 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, 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 15-16, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Ann Clarke

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Andres Trevino

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Paul Pilarczyk



### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - NOVEMBER 15-16, '25

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 Rychetzky, Tony Nelson

### ALTAR SERVERS for NOVEMBER 15-16, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Able Flurry, Abraum Flurry

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Casey Gwynn, Gabriel Kimmel, Cyprian Kimmel

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Carlos Camacho, Sarita Nelson, Charleigh Nelson

### USHERS for NOVEMBER 15-16, 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

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Leo the Great, Pope; **Tuesday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop;

**Wednesday:** St. Josaphat, Bishop; **Thursday:** St. Frances Xavier

Cabrini, Virgin; **Saturday:** St. Albert the Great, Bishop.

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**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](http://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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## **COLLABORATING WITH OUR NEW MISSIONARY POPE**

*By Monsignor Roger J. Landry, National Director*

(Continued from last week)

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. When he was selected as the successor of St. Peter earlier this month, he was only just over two years removed from having been a missionary bishop. Emerging on the Loggia of Blessings, he arrived having dedicated basically half his life—22 years in Peru and 12 years crisscrossing the globe visiting the Augustinian prior general—to the Church's missionary work.

That's far more than a piece of trivia. It's likewise far more than a missionary "perspective" or series of "experiences" on which he can draw on his new Petrine ministry. It means that he has a deep missionary identity. It's inevitable that his missionary vocation and experiences will impact profoundly the way with which he now exercises his papal ministry.

Without question he will focus the Church's attention much more on the missions and missionaries. Two thousand years after Christ's incarnation, birth, public ministry, passion, death, and resurrection, 5.5 out of the 8 billion people alive still do not know Jesus Christ. The Great Commission had no expiration date, but many Christians do not take Jesus' command to "proclaim the Gospel to every creature" as personal marching orders, whether by going to the missions themselves or supporting them by prayer and financial sacrifices. During his opening words as Pope, minutes after his election, he emphasized our common calling: "Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church."

For the last 50 years, the Popes have tried to spur the faithful to commit themselves anew to the mission ad gentes (to those who have not yet heard the Gospel) as well as to the new evangelization of those given up the practice of the faith.

*(to be continued)*

*From the desk of the Pastor*

## **LITURGY OF THE DAY**

**Reflection on the Gospel Reading (John 2:13-22).**

**FAMILY CONNECTION:** Families take pride in their homes and strive to keep them neat and clean inside and out. Talk as a family about the various chores that each family member has that contributes to the upkeep of the home. Thank each member for doing his or her chores and encourage everyone to take pride in the home. Explain that people's homes are a reflection of themselves and that a home that is clean and welcoming shows respect and hospitality. Point out that this Sunday, the Church celebrates one of its very special homes: the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Explain that this basilica is the seat of the Bishop of Rome, the pope, and that, as we celebrate its dedication, we are reminded of the people the building represents: the pope and all God's people throughout the world. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 2:13-22. Say: *When we celebrate the dedication of this great church, we are reminded of our own parish church where we gather to celebrate and, even more so, of our domestic church, our home, where we encounter God every day.* Remind family members that when they are asked to do chores that contribute to the upkeep of the home, they are contributing to the upkeep of the domestic church.

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*From the Pastor's desk*



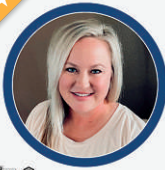





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