

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb



of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to

follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

Holy Mass Readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34.



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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

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 1 : 1-3

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Eliane McCown (AOB) by Celestia Bluntzer
5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†Cardoza Wells by the Burney Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**
†Pat Gallagher by Owen & Kim Gallagher
†Peter Gallagher by Owen & Kim Gallagher
†Herb Welch by Juliet Welch
†Harley Riebschleager by John & Annette Freeman

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026

12:00 PM: No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †Patrick Knesek (AOD) by Jerry Knesek

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †Peggy Knesek by Jerry Knesek

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: Morgan Whitley (Birthday) by Pat Landreth

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Patrick Nemec (AOD) by Bob & Joan Black
5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†Rolando Chapa by the Chapa & Hernandez Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**
†Aida Deases by John & Annette Freeman
†Lydia Gonzalez by John & Annette Freeman
†Margaret Young by Owen & Kim Gallagher

Parish Website:

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Please Pray for ...

All the homebound, all the sick and suffering of our parish, and especially pray for all those who have asked us to pray for them.

Cathy Sikes, T. J. Williams,
Larry Bryant, Eileen Champine,
Bill Havelka, Frances Hicks,
Dalia Gutierrez, Annette Freeman,
Fred Nemec, Harold Prejean,
Mary Elva Estrada, John Bowman,
and the Vanaman Family.

Please call/email the parish office to include a person on the 2026 PRAYER LIST.



LECTORS for JANUARY 24-25, 2026

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



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - JANUARY 24-25, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Aaron Hoelscher, Fred Ramos
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Kera Steward, J.R. Sanchez, Heather Sanchez

ALTAR SERVERS for JANUARY 24-25, 2026

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

USHERS for JANUARY 24-25, 2026

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: B. Boatright, S. Woolf, R. Garcia, R. Polasek

Our deepest condolences to the Vanaman Family on the death of

†Mr. Charles Vanaman

Father of Chad Vanaman (Jackie) of St. Thomas Parish

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

Pastor and Parishioners

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr;

Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr;

Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children;

Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, St. Marianne Cope, Virgin;

Saturday: St. Francis De Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Silver & Gold

Wedding Anniversary Mass Celebration

Those blessed with celebrating 25 or 50 years of Sacramental Marriage are invited to attend a special Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by our bishop.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 AT 10:30 A.M.

Most Precious Blood, Pro Cathedral | 3502 Saratoga Blvd, Corpus Christi

Couples that register before the deadline will receive a certificate recognizing their Silver or Golden Anniversary. Registration is open to any validly married couple celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2026.

To receive an Anniversary Certificate, please submit registration by January 30, 2026

Online Registration: diocesecc.org/anniversarymassregistration or scan the QR code:





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LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (John 1:29-34).

FAMILY CONNECTION: The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34.

Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

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From the Pastor's desk

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Join the Diocese of Corpus Christi for the 2026 Texas Rally for Life, a day-long event at the Texas State Capitol in Austin! This is a great opportunity to advocate for the dignity of life from conception until natural death. For more information and registration go to <https://diocesecc.org/texasrallyforlife>.

Diocese of Corpus Christi

INFORMATION CORNER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Flowers: Contact the parish office to schedule flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or for a special occasion.

Baptism: Contact 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.

Religious Ed: For registration and questions contact the parish office or the DRE Michele Hoelscher at 361-244-2138.

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.

Knights of Columbus Council #9318: Contact Tony Arredondo, Grand Knight at Tonyent62@gmail.com or 361-947-8036.

OFFERINGS

Knights of Columbus Council #9318 9th Annual Father Matthew Lyng

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Tony Arredondo, KC Grand Knight



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