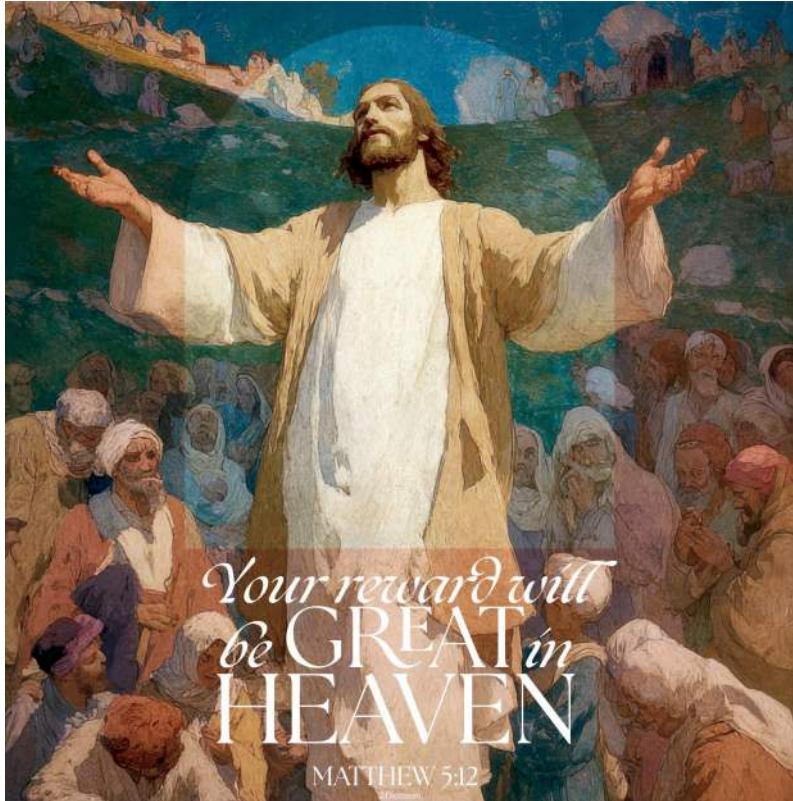


Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.



"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Holy Mass Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3–3:12-13; Psalm 146:6-10; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a.



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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

CONFESIONS @ 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

CONFESIONS @ St. Patrick Mission: 3:30 PM



"Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."
"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5 : 1-12a

Masses and Intentions for the Week**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026**

4:00 PM: Mass @ St. Patrick Mission
tCharles Lawley (AOD) by Patrick & Moria Cain
 5:30 PM: Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle
Logan Walker and Anais LaHue (Wedding) by the Unterbrink's
tRance Vaughan by Karen Vaughan
tClement Vo by John & Chi Bowman
tFrank Nemec by Susie Tajchman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: *tLouise Rahtke (AOD)* by Kathy Rathke

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *tJerry Diegel (AOB)* by Pat Landreth

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *tJohnny Knesek (AOD)* by Jerry Knesek

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *tMaria Nguyen* by John & Chi Bowman

FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *tAll Souls in Purgatory* by Jerry Knesek

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

4:00 PM: Mass @ St. Patrick Mission
tHerb Welch by Juliet Welch
 5:30 PM: Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle
tAida Deases by Yolanda Pena
tDavid Tajchman, Sr. by Byron & Rachel Unterbrink
tJoAnn Dominguez by the Robert Dominguez Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: *tDiana Flores* by Javier & Gianna Flores

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Tuesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop;
Thursday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr;
First Friday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs;
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary.

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, Frances Hicks, Eileen Champine, Dalia Gutierrez, Annette Freeman, Fred Nemec, Harold Prejean, Mary Elva Estrada, Dee Molina and John Bowman.

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

LECTORS for FEBRUARY 7-8, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Agnes Flores
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Terri Kimmel
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Velma Garcia

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - FEBRUARY 7-8, 2026

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 FEBRUARY 7-8, 2026

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

USHERS for FEBRUARY 7-8, 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: R. Polasek, D. Dusek, T. Brown, D. Brown

Parish Website: www.christon624.com

ADULT CONFIRMATION SPRING 2026

The Adult Confirmation Mass will be held on **Saturday, March 23 at 11:00 AM** at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. Please note that this Adult Confirmation celebration is only for catechized adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation but have received Baptism and First Holy Communion. The sacramental catechesis of the candidate for Confirmation is the responsibility of the parish of the candidate.

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.

LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Matthew 5:1-12a)

FAMILY CONNECTION: Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, having many possessions, and so on. When we think this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. The crowd that day also associated happiness with material possessions and status.

Talk as a family about what it means to be happy or to be blessed. Make a list of traits that you would associate with a happy person. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5: 1-12a. Reflect on Jesus' description of happiness. Think about what each of the Beatitudes might have in common and write a family summary of the Beatitudes. Post the summary in a special place as a reminder of what your family will consider "true happiness."

Conclude by praying together prayers of petition based on the Beatitudes, e.g., "We pray that we will be peacemakers who seek to get along with other people even when this is difficult. We pray to the Lord." All respond: "Lord, hear our prayer."

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From the Pastor's desk

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Tony Arredondo, KC Grand Knight

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Joseph and Jenna Blommel
Travis and Felicia Brownlee
Adam and Martha Butts
Juan and Anya Cantu
Adam and Sabrina Chodosh
Jason DeLeon
Maria Gonzales
Richard and Lori Gonzalez
Ryan Gonzalez
Oscar and Kandee Guartuche
Isaac and Rosalva Hinojosa
Derek and Jazzmin Ingersoll
Albert and Emily Johnston
Zachary and Brittney Leal
Pedro and Beatrice Lopez
Corey and Kristina Lott
Travis and Marissa Lutenbacher
Jesus and Cynthia Martinez
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Scarlett Ritchey
Joseph and Monica Rod
Blanca Saenz
Daniel and Brenda Saenz
Roberto Sanchez and Marila Colunga
Sabrina Soliz
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If any family is missing from this list,
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The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference is set for March 1st, 2026! It will be a day filled with amazing experiences of fun, fellowship, talks, Mass, Confession, and Adoration. Registration information is coming soon. If you are a youth leader and would like to do early group paper registration contact Sr. Caritas at (361) 631-4386. Early group registration ensures you get to pick your seating. The event will be held at the Richardson Theater on the Del Mar College Heritage Campus in Corpus Christi.

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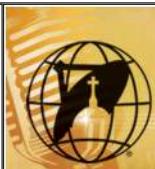


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