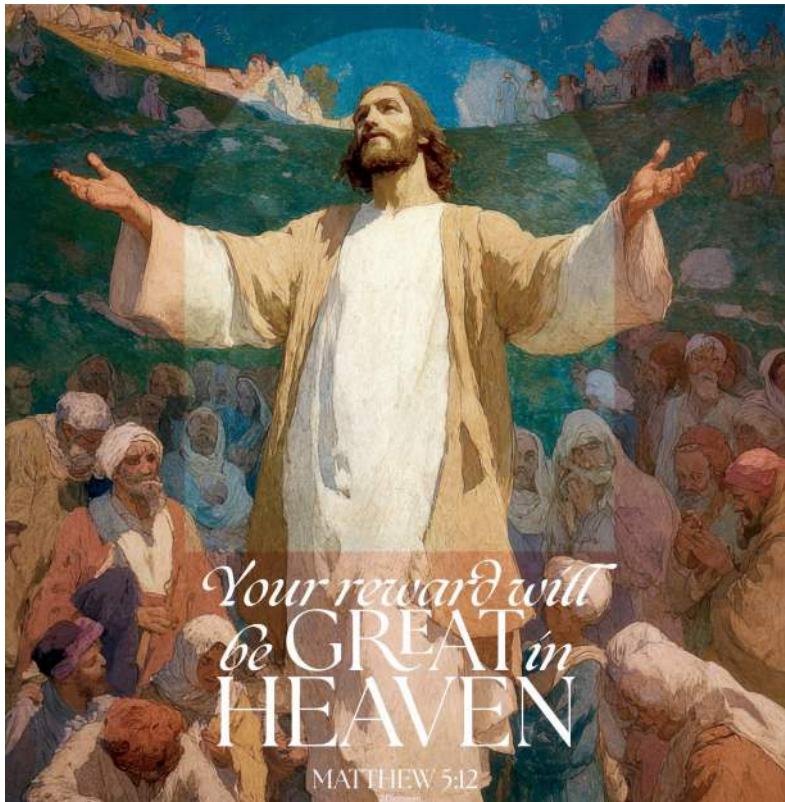


Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find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



## **Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Robstown, Texas and Saint Patrick Mission, San Patricio, Texas**

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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

*"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**  
*†Charles 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  
*†Rance Vaughan* by Karen Vaughan  
*†Clement Vo* by John & Chi Bowman  
*†Frank Nemec* by Susie Tajchman

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

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*  
 11:00 AM: *†Louise 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: *†Jerry Diegel (AOB)* by Pat Landreth

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

12:00 PM: *†Johnny Knesek (AOD)* by Jerry Knesek

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

12:00 PM: *†Maria Nguyen* by John & Chi Bowman

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

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026**

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**  
*†Herb Welch* by Juliet Welch  
 5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
*†Aida Deases* by Yolanda Pena  
*†David Tajchman, Sr.* by Byron & Rachel Unterbrink  
*†JoAnn Dominguez* by the Robert Dominguez Family

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

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

**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

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**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*

**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.*

**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

**Welcome Newly Registered 2025 Parishioners**

Amy Alexander  
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 Brittny Leal  
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Travis and Marissa Lutenbacher  
Jesus and Cynthia Martinez  
Fedencio and Ashley Peña  
Scarlett Ritchey  
Joseph and Monica Rod  
Blanca Saenz  
Daniel and Brenda Saenz  
Roberto Sanchez and Marila Colunga  
Sabrina Soliz  
Angela and Adrian Villa Vargas  
Joe and Norma Villarreal

If any family is missing from this list,  
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Pastor

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