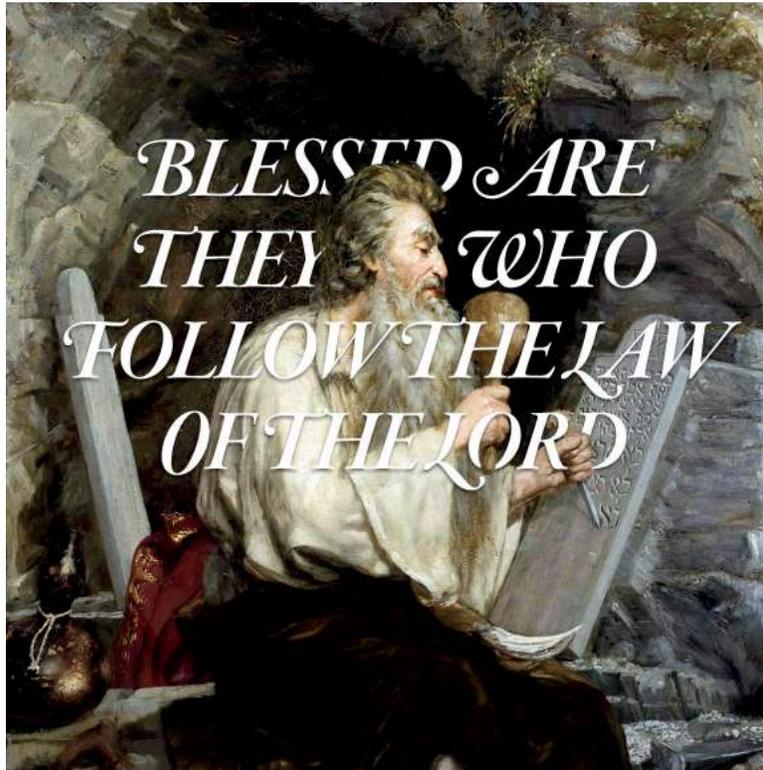


Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing



God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But

### **Holy Mass Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37.**



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



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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

**"If you trust in God, you too shall live."**

*Sirach 15:15*

**Masses and Intentions for the Week**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**  
*†Patricia Nemeč* by Fred Nemeč  
 5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
*Brian and Sharla Dee (Wedding Anniversary)* by Susie Tajchman  
*†Steve Kurtz (AOD)* by Danny & Roberta Kurtz  
*†Linda Bodie (AOD)* by Danny & Roberta Kurtz  
*†John Bowman II* by John & Chi Bowman

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*  
 11:00 AM: *†Lydia Gonzalez* by John & Annette Freeman

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

12:00 PM: *†David Tajchman, Sr.* by Susie Tajchman

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas**

12:00 PM: *†Aida Deases* by John & Chi Bowman  
 6:30 PM: *†Patrick Knesek* by Owen & Kim Gallagher

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

12:00 PM: *Kailyn Landreth (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

12:00 PM: *Eric Tajchman (Birthday)* by Susie Tajchman

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**  
*Diane Johnson (Special Intention)* by Michael Cantu  
 5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle and Stations of the Cross**  
*†Frank & †Kathryn Burgess* by Susie Tajchman  
*†JoAnn Dominguez* by the Robert Dominguez Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle and Stations of the Cross  
 8:30 AM: *Parishioners*  
 11:00 AM: *†Philip Prukop (AOB)* by Karen Vaughan

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Monday:** President's Day; **Tuesday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; **Ash Wednesday;**

**Saturday:** St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

*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 Nemeč, Harold Prejean, Mary Elva Estrada, Dee Molina, John Bowman, Wallace and Judi Prukop, Jeanette Respondek, Shannon Clubb, Courtney Dodd, Ruthie Weathersby, Marty Douglas, Simon Bucknall, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Rose Pfeiler, Delia Moya, and Beckie Ranly.*

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



**LECTORS for FEBRUARY 21-22, 2026**

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



**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - FEBRUARY 21-22, 2026**

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

**ALTAR SERVERS for FEBRUARY 21-22, 2026**

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 Sanchez, Eliana Garza

**USHERS for FEBRUARY 21-22, 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



**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

Lent is the penitential season of the Church year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. Traditionally, the Lenten Season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. In addition to fasting, various elements support us during Lent: penance, confession, prayer, almsgiving, and service. The Easter Duty is the obligation to receive Holy Communion between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.

***Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.***

Fasting binds all Catholics 18 to 59 years of age. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken in accordance to each one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.

***All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.***

Abstinence binds all older than 14. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, a parish priest or confessor should be consulted.

*Pastor*

**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.

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**LITURGY OF THE DAY**

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Matthew 5:17-37)

**FAMILY CONNECTION:** Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. As a family, brainstorm a list of rules that you are all called to follow in your home in order for you all to get along together. Think about rules for play time, rules for eating, rules for how to speak to one another, rules for going out with friends, and so on. Emphasize that families follow rules as a way of showing love and respect for one another. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about following the Law. Say: *God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.*

Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37. Talk specifically with one another about how anger is to be dealt with in your family. Conclude by praying for the grace to overcome anger and to show respect for one another as a family by following God's Law of love.

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**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.

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(Romans 5:5))

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**FIRST AID TRAINING**

A First Aid Training Course will be offered in our parish on **Saturday, March 7, 2026** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the I.C. Hall. The courses offered are: the American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support CPR/AED Course, Basic First Aid Medical, and the "Stop the Bleed" certification course.

The courses are offered to our parishioners. Please call the parish office to reserve your spot in the class for the class size is limited to 20. For questions please contact the parish office.

Matt Kimmel



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