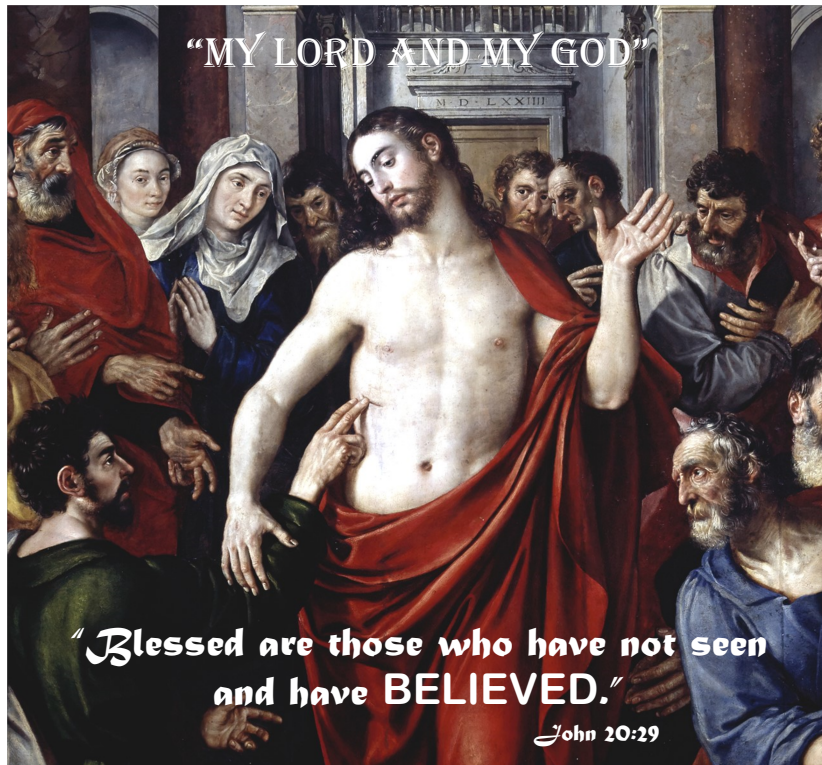


The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In



Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today:

We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.



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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

*"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
His mercy endures forever."*

Psalm 118:1

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†*Danien Cantu (AOD)* by Michael Cantu
5:30 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
followed by the Divine Mercy Novena
†*Aida Deases* by John & Annette Freeman

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
11:00 AM: **Holy Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Novena**
Raymond and Melissa Polasek (Birthdays) by Polasek Family

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *Damian Landreth (Birthdays)* by Pat Landreth

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †*Gracie Herrera (AOB)* (AOD) by Yolanda Peña

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †*Enriqueta Salinas (AOB)* by David & Delma Tamez

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†*Mr. and Mrs. Juan Guerra (AOD)* by Dr. Sandra Garcia
5:30 PM: **Collective Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
Personal Intention of Michael Cantu by Michael Cantu
†*Michael Rathke* by Kathy Rathke
†*Felipe Martinez, Jr. (AOD)* by Yolanda Peña
†*Patrick Nemece* by Susie Tajchman

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
11:00 AM: †*Allen Migura* by Owen & Kim Gallagher

**The Holy Mass Readings for
Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15,
22-24; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.**

Please Pray for ...

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



Cathy Sikes, T. J. Williams, Larry Bryant, Frances Hicks, Eileen Champine, Dalia Gutierrez, Annette Freeman, Fred Nemece, 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, Beckie Ranly, Yolanda Peña, Cindy Cleavelin, Todd Crawford, Tyler Skidmore, Tommy Lopez, Dawn Shrek, and Rose Martinez.

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

LECTORS for APRIL 18-19, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Annette Freeman
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Andres Trevino
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Paul Pilarczyk



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - APRIL 18-19, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo, Louis Deases
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Rosa Trevino, Matt Kimmel
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Tony Nelson, Barbara Rychetsky, Karen Vaughan

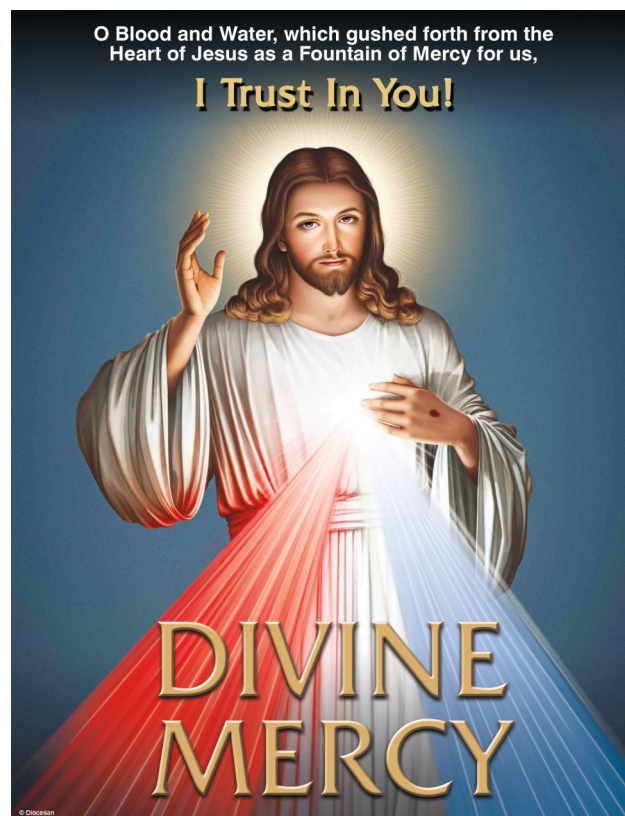
ALTAR SERVERS for APRIL 18-19, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Able Flurry, Abraum Flurry
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Casey Gwynn, Gabriel Kimmel, Cyprian Kimmel
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Sarita Nelson, Charleigh Nelson, Carlos Camacho

USHERS for APRIL 18-19, 2026

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, J.R. Sanchez, D. Bluntzer

JESUS
I TRUST IN YOU



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;
Thursday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr;
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr;
Saturday: St. Luke, Evangelist.

LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (John 20:19-31)
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Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are “blessed” because we believe without having seen.

FAMILY CONNECTION: Many of us can relate to Thomas’s response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others.

Many of us have heard the saying “Seeing is believing.” As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing? Today’s Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. Read today’s Gospel, John 20:19-31, with your family. Think about Thomas’s response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas’s doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Jesus grants Thomas the evidence that Thomas needs to believe, but Jesus also affirms the faith of those who will be called upon to believe without first-hand experience. We are among those whom Jesus calls blessed. Discuss with your family the basis of each member’s faith in Jesus—the witness of the first disciples, the Gospels, the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church.

Pray together that your faith in Jesus will be strong. Pray an act of faith together.

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From the Pastor’s desk

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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

4/4-5/2026 Holy Land Collection:	\$431.26
4/4-5/2026 Regular Collection:	\$8,034.82
4/4-5/2026 Online Giving:	1,313.00
TOTAL	\$9,347.82

ST. PATRICK MISSION

4/4/2026 Regular Collection:	\$556.00
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Counters: R. Unterbrink and A. Freeman



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SPECIAL OFFERING – APRIL 26, 2026

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Diocese of Corpus Christi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND DIPLOMAS

There will be a special offering to support the Senior Religious Education Program for Scholarships and Diplomas the weekends of **April 19, April 25, May 3, and May 10**. Your support is truly appreciated.



Pastor



LIFETEEN RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, April 24th & SATURDAY, April 25th

Our LifeTeen of St. Thomas the Apostle will be having a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, **April 24-25, 2026**. So start your Spring cleaning!!! This fundraiser helps fund our Youth Ministry and summer trips. Donations are very much appreciated. Help us collect items to sell. If you have questions or are in need of help with pickup please contact Rachel Unterbrink at 361-813-3242.

Rachel Unterbrink, Coordinator

KC SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus Council #9318 is offering scholarships for graduating seniors. For more information and application, go to the St. Thomas the Apostle website www.christon624.com under the MINISTRIES Tab or contact Frank Wilson at 361-877-6926. The deadline is **April 23, 2026**.

Grand Knight Tony Arredondo and Frank Wilson, Chairpersons

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.

Confession: Religious Education Student will have confessions on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:30-8:30 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.