

The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the



mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

Readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Exodus 19:2-6a; Psalm 100:1-3, 5;
Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8.**



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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

*"The Lord is good,
His kindness endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations."
Psalm 100:5*

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Herb Welch by Juliet Welch

5:30 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†Sylvester Vo by John & Chi Bowman

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
11:00 AM: †Rance Vaughan by Karen Vaughan

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

12:00 PM: No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †Julie Arguijo by Yolanda Peña

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: Keith Landreth (Birthday) by Pat Landreth

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: Craig Landreth (Birthday) by Pat Landreth

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Kay Havelka by C.B. & Kathleen Trial

5:30 PM: **Collective Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
Will Hewlett (Birthday) by Pat Landreth
†Lillie Kurtz (AOB) by Danny & Roberta Kurtz
†John Bowman II by John & Chi Bowman
†Richard Chavary by Terri Chavary

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
11:00 AM: **FATHER'S DAY** - Novena Begins

SPECIAL OFFERING — JUNE 28, 2026

Peter's Pence Collection

Diocese of Corpus Christi

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, Jeanette Respondek, Wallace and Judi Prukop, Fred Nemeck, Harold Prejean, Mary Elva Estrada, Shannon Clubb, Courtney Dodd, John Bowman, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Dee Molina, Marty Douglas, Simon Bucknall, Brady Scarborough, Beckie Ranly, Laura Greenwood, Michael Chapman, Tommy Lopez, Debbie Wood, Dawn Sherek, Bill Wilson, Richard Osburg, Tyler Skidmore, Yolanda Peña, Todd Crawford, A.C. Basaldua, and Gloria Valdez.

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



LECTORS for JUNE 20-21, 2026

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



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - JUNE 20-21, 2026

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

ALTAR SERVERS for JUNE 20-21, 2026

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

USHERS for JUNE 20-21, 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, D. Bluntzer, J.R. Sanchez

Our deepest condolences to the Moreno Family
on the death of

†Mr. Benjamin Moreno

Husband of Gloria Moreno of St. Thomas

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

Pastor and Parishioners

Parish Website: www.christon624.com

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6/6-7/2026 Regular Collection: \$7,097.16
6/6-7/2026 Online Giving: \$1,181.00
TOTAL \$8,278.16

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Counters: A. Freeman and C. Hoelscher



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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.

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 9:36—10:8)
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FAMILY CONNECTION

Every person in the Church is sent by Christ to do the work that he did. This task can seem daunting. Yet when we have learned to work together with others to achieve a common goal, we have learned something of what it means to do the work of Christ. The family is one such place in which we work with others, sharing a common task and a common goal.

As family members gather, invite each person to reflect upon their contributions to family life. Invite each one to share one or two things that they do to help keep your family life flowing smoothly. Take time to thank one another for the contributions each person makes to your family life.

Invite a family member to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 9:36-10:8. In this Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. Point out that the disciples are called to work together just as family members must work together. Pray together that your family will always work together as a family to help one another. Pray that your family can be a model for other families. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Courtesy of Loyola Press from the Pastor's desk

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Flag Day; **Friday:** St. Romuald, Abbot, Juneteenth;
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; **Sunday:** Father's Day.

THE BIBLICAL EVIDENCE FOR APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

(continued from last week)

What does the Bible Say?

In the New Testament, we find “the laying on of hands” refers in the plainest of terms to holy orders. St. Paul lays out some essential criteria for candidates for holy orders, followed by stern warnings concerning the grave responsibility that accompanies this august sacrament: “Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers” (1 Tim. 4:16).

Then Paul warns against “being hasty in the laying on of hands” (5:22), meaning don't ordain just anyone—you must be sure the ordinandi are truly prepared for ministry. Notice the use of the terms “laying on of hands.”

St. Paul had a special interest in Timothy because he had ordained him personally to the priesthood (probably to the bishopric). Notice again the language Paul uses in reminding young Timothy of the ongoing challenge of his office: “Rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands” (2 Tim. 1:6).

Thus, there can be no reasonable doubt that “the laying on of hands” refers to holy orders in the New Testament. But the question now is: how does this relate to apostolic succession?

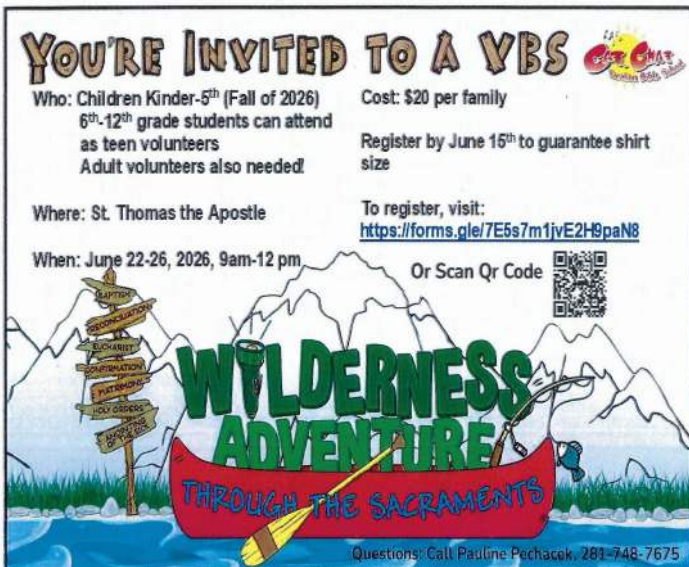
Sent in the Name of Jesus

To understand apostolic succession, we must understand the biblical concept of being sent. The *Catechism* uses John 20:21 as an example of this: “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you” (CCC 858). The Greek word here for send is a form of *apostello*, a familiar-sounding term. *Apostolos* is the noun form of the same word. Its connotation is not sending in the sense of sending a letter. It has a specific meaning of “one sent with the authority of the one who sent him.” Thus, according to Jesus, his New Covenant ministers were not just “sent” in a generic sense; rather, they were “sent” by and with the authority of Christ.

(to be continued)

Courtesy of Tim Staples, Catholic Answers

From the Pastor's desk



YOU'RE INVITED TO A VBS

Who: Children Kinder-5th (Fall of 2026)
 6th-12th grade students can attend as teen volunteers
 Adult volunteers also needed!

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Where: St. Thomas the Apostle

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