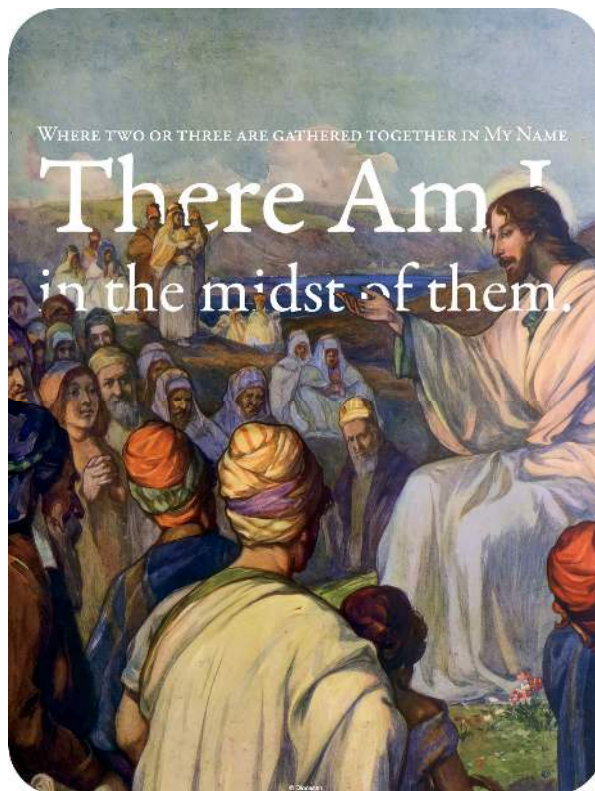


Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church", Matthew 18:1-14, Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the

community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with

Readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20.



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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

***"For where two or three
are gathered in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."***

Matthew 18 : 19-20

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**

†Amelia DeLeon by Yolanda Peña

5:30 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

†Linda Bodie (AOB) by Danny & Roberta Kurtz

†David Tajchman, Sr. and †David Tajchman, Jr. by Susie Tajchman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*

11:00 AM: *†C.K. Joseph and †Thankamma Joseph Panackal*

by Fr. Philip Panackal

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

12:00 PM: No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *†Peggy Knesek (AOB)* by Jerry Knesek

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *Trenton Redford (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *Orville Schonefeld (Birthday)* by the Unterbrink Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**

†Irma Clark by St. Patrick Parishioners

5:30 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

†Monica Marie Villarreal by Tony & Yolanda Villarreal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*

11:00 AM: *Karen Vaughan (Birthday)* by the Smith Family

SPECIAL OFFERING — SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Parish Festival "CzechFest"

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 Nemec, Harold Prejean, Mary Elva Estrada, Shannon Clubb, Courtney Dodd, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Dee Molina, Marty Douglas, Simon Bucknall, Brady Scarborough, Beckie Ranly, Laura Greenwood, Michael Chapman, Yolanda Peña, Valerie Rich, Tommy Lopez, Debbie Wood, Bill Wilson, M. P. Wright, A.C. Basaldua, Richard Osburg, Tyler Skidmore, Todd Crawford, Stan Soultaire, Fred Guerra, Chad Morton, Alva Rosas, and Viridiana Castillo.

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

LECTORS for SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Annette Freeman

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Terri Kimmel

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Velma Garcia



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Matt Kimmel, Richard Gonzalez

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Bill Kelly, Jesse Garcia

ALTAR SERVERS for SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Grace Landry, Michael Cortino, Matthew Cortino

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Gabriel & Cyprian Kimmel, Miles & Joseph Shimek

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Morgan Boatright, Liam Sanchez, Eliana Garza

USHERS for SEPTEMBER 12-13, 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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Please remember to:

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- **Sign the check** in the bottom right corner to authorize payment.
- **Optional:** Add a **memo note** to specify a fund (e.g., Offering, Building Fund).

Your attention to these details is an immense help to our money counters, parish staff, and bank personnel.

Thank you for your cooperation and stewardship!

Fr. Philip Panackal, Pastor

PARISH FESTIVAL "CZECHFEST"

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 11, 2026

The **Auction** Committee will now be accepting items for the live and silent auction. Recommended value of new items for the live auction can be \$35-\$45. The **Country Store Committee** is also accepting new items or handmade items for the Country Store. Items can be brought to the parish office.

Tom Schumacher, Chairman
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Tony Arredondo, Co-Chairman
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LITURGY OF THE DAY

the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Matthew 18:15-20)

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FAMILY CONNECTION

Conflict and disagreements are a natural part of family life. Yet, within our family, we have an important opportunity to learn how to resolve disagreements fairly by treating people with love and respect. Pray together that each member of your family will learn to handle conflict in a Christian manner.

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**St. Thomas the Apostle
PARISH FESTIVAL GIFT CARD RAFFLE**



Our parish is having a Fall fundraiser with a Gift Card Raffle. The drawing will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2026 with prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. The tickets sell for \$5 each and there are 10 tickets in a book. Raffle books to purchase and/or sell may be picked up after each Mass, or in the parish office,

There will also be a "loser's pot" drawing at the festival live auction at 5:00 p.m. – MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN and have not won any other prizes. (We have received more raffle donations beyond those on the printed tickets.)

We are asking all Religious Ed students to participate in the fundraiser. There will be GREAT prizes for the children in each grade level (Elementary, Middle School, and High School) that sell the most tickets for this fundraiser. Be sure to note on the sign-out sheet the child's name, so we can be sure to give them credit for the tickets sold. All money and sold ticket stubs (and unsold tickets) should be turned in to Michele Hoelscher.

Please help us make this Raffle a great success. If you have any questions, please call Michele at 361-244-2138 or call the parish office at 361-387-1312.

Michele Hoelscher, Coordinator

RELIGIOUS ED / EDGE / LIFE TEEN REGISTRATION

Religious Ed / EDGE / LIFE TEEN registration is now open: We look forward to a fabulous 2026-27 year.

If you have returning students in our program, please e-mail me with their names and grade level. If your contact information has changed, please also provide that information in the e-mail.

If you are new to the parish, please make sure you have submitted a church registration form to the parish office. If you have not done so, you can find the registration form on our website (www.christon624.com) under *Newcomers* and then go to tab "Register - St. Thomas". Once form is completed, please submit original to parish office or put it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. You can also find our Religious Ed Registration form on our website (*only new members need to complete this form*) under *Parish Life*, then go to *Religious Ed* tab. You will see "CCD Registration Form". Please complete this form for each student you want to register for Religious Ed. Once completed, you can e-mail that form to me. **The St. Thomas the Apostle Registration Form must be submitted to Parish Office before we can register students for our Religious Ed programs.**

CLASSES RESUME

CGS/EDGE—Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

LIFE TEEN—Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning Religious Education, please feel free to contact me.

Michele Hoelscher, DRE

E-Mail: mhoelscher@christon624.com; Cell: 361-244-2138.

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Fr. Philip J. Panackal, Pastor



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