

## **Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish and Saint Patrick Mission in San Patricio**

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**Holy Day Vigil @ St. Thomas:** 6 PM

**Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas:** 5:30 PM

**Weekday Masses @ St. Thomas:** 12:05 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

**Confessions:** 30 Minutes before Masses or by appointment

**Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick Mission:** 4:00 PM

**Holy Day Masses @ St. Thomas:** 7 AM & 7 PM

**Sunday Masses @ St. Thomas:** 8 AM & 11 AM & 8 PM

**First Friday Mass @ St. Patrick Mission:** 8:00 AM Every First Friday



“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

- John 1 : 5

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016**

4:00 PM: **VIGIL MASS @ St. Patrick Mission**

*Darwin Baucum (Birthday)* by Joan Bluntzer

5:30 PM: **VIGIL MASS @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

†*David Tajchman, Jr.* by David & Susie Tajchman

10:00 PM: **MIDNIGHT MASS @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

†*Raul Landeros* by Diana Landeros & Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

8:00 AM: **COLLECTIVE MASS**

*Clayton McCumber (Health)* by Betty Long

*Special Intention* by Sandra Knesek (CDA)

11:00 AM: †*Ottie Zieger* by Charlie & Jean Chapman

8:00 PM: †*Boone Hans* by CDAs of St. Thomas the Apostle

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2016 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

12:05 PM: Fr. Bill on Vacation

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

12:05 PM: Fr. Bill on Vacation

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2016**

12:05 PM: Fr. Bill on Vacation

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2016 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

12:05 PM: Fr. Bill on Vacation

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2016 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

12:05 PM: Fr. Bill on Vacation

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016**

4:00 PM: **VIGIL MASS @ St. Patrick Mission**

*Gertrude Bluntzer* by Her Children

5:30 PM: **VIGIL MASS @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

†*Tomas Valdez (AOD)* by Rosario Gonzalez

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

8:00 AM: †*Rebecca Gardner* by Robert & Geraldine Cortino

11:00 AM: **COLLECTIVE MASS**

†*Caitlynn Prukop (AOB)* by Rance & Karen Vaughan

*Rance and Karen Vaughan 42nd Wedding Anniversary*

8:00 PM: Those Suffering due to Inclement Weather

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT  
ASKING BLESSINGS TO BE BESTOWED UPON:



**Bishop Elect Louis F. Kihneman, III**  
(Diocese of Biloxi)

A Special Thank You to the Youth Choir for the beautiful music they have been providing for the weekend Liturgy.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday — Friday 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

**LECTORS for Dec. 31, 2016-Jan. 1, 2017**

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Leesa Sager

Sunday, 8 AM: Agnes Flores

Sunday, 11 AM: Velma Garcia

Sunday, 8 PM: Volunteer



**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Dec. 31, 2016-Jan. 1, 2017**

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Michael & Malynn Wahlen

Sunday, 8 AM: Deacon Bill, Josie Blevins, Linda Avila

Sunday, 11 AM: Jesse Garcia, Dr. Julio Rangel, Karen Vaughan

Sunday, 8 PM: Volunteers

**ALTAR SERVERS for Dec. 31, 2016-Jan. 1, 2017**

Saturday, 5:30 PM: T. J. Wahlen, Volunteers

Sunday, 8 AM: Caroline Harris, David Spicak  
Volunteers

Sunday, 11 AM: Andy Vela, Leanna Aguilar,  
Abigail Smith

Sunday, 8 PM: Volunteers

*Please Pray for ...*



Louise Michalewicz, Leonard & Leona Logue,  
Hannelore Denney, Charlie Chapman, Anna Marie Kocurek,  
Kay Havelka, Juliet Johnson, Cathy Sikes, Rosemary Floyd,  
Kyle Tvrdik, George and Nelda Martinez, Gracie Herrera,  
Geneva Strmiska, Donnie Schwirtlich, Patrick Nemeč,  
Cheryl Esparza, Dana Guajardo, Dolores Torres, Irma Clark,  
Geneva Lintner, Augi Carpenter, Elizabeth Price,  
Butch Rowe, Pauline Bailey, Wayne Meaux, April Jones,  
Larry Smith, Jay Robinson, Michael Cantu, Clarence Vogel,  
Joe Saenz, Florence Lyssy, Emil Prukop, Diane Saenz,  
Jerry Vogel, Margie Vogel, Mason Liebham, Mr. & Mrs.  
Linenberger, Peggy Sembach, June Fiebig, Arnold Family,  
Angie Ramos, Ron Kelley, Alma Semanteris, Mary Heany,  
Lillian Pollok, Shelby Pollok, Kathy Biela, Cecilia Lyssy,  
Daniel Rodriguez, Guerra Family, Nita Villa, Alice De La  
Sierra, Janice Howerton, Filomena Muniz, Glenda Tvrdik,  
Mary Jo Prukop, Becky Albert, Greer Gibson, Thomas  
Silguero, Brittany Graber, Jackie Albert, Genevieve Rose,  
Jimmy Diegel, Donna Weiss, Vicki & Phillip Leon-Guerrero,  
Mario Herrera, David Rowden, Derek Ruschhaupt,  
Pauline Clarke, Rudy Castillo, Henry Majeski, Irasema Pena,  
Ruth Archambo, Dianne VanScoy, John Porche,  
Pattie Reupke, Juana Rivera, Rene Canales, Kathy Rathke,  
Louis De La Sierra Jr., Albert & Mary L. Peebles,  
Robert Faas, Cayson Odom, and Liz Johnson Blaylock.

*Call the rectory office to include/remove a person on the prayer list.*

☞ HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS ☞



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**CHRISTMAS MASS AT ST. PATRICK MISSION**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday at the Mission

**CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday

10:00 PM Midnight Mass on Saturday

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM & 8:00 PM on Christmas Day

**THANK YOU**

A special thank you goes out to the Knights of Columbus of St. Thomas the Apostle for their donation to the Audio/Visual System in the I. C. Hall. This new system will benefit the Youth Ministry, the Adult Faith Formation and other different ministries in our parish. Thanks for your support.

**RIVER CITY HOSPICE NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteering with River City Hospice cannot only help care for those that are ill, but it can also show mercy in a time where mercy is hard to find. There are many aspects of volunteering through Hospice, from companionship support, caregiver relief, household helper and other ways. For more information, contact John A. Martinez at 361-945-7442 or by email at [jmartinez@rivercityhospice.com](mailto:jmartinez@rivercityhospice.com).

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION: CONVERSION**

"Conversion" continues Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the I.C. Hall. In this film and study program, **Bishop Barron** illuminates biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how ordinary people like Bartimaeus, Matthew, Jonah, the Woman at the Well, and others just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him.

**A CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**SAVE THE DATE:** January 26, 2017 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Ortiz Center. Bishop Michael Mulvey and the Office of Catholic Schools invite you to a special evening to celebrate the 18 Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Corpus Christi and its 3,216 students. This fundraiser will recognize Catholic Schools as well as outstanding Catholic teachers. Proceeds from the event will go towards Diocesan Tuition Assistance and the Catholic School Endowment Fund in this diocese. The First Lady of Texas, Cecilia Abbott, will be the keynote speaker. For more information call 361-693-6698.

*"A holy day has dawned upon us.*

*Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.*

*For today a great light has come upon the earth."*



Merry Christmas

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- Altar Flowers:** Call the Rectory Office to donate flowers for the altar.
- Baptism Class:** Next class is in January, 2017 TBA from 12:30-2:00 PM. Call the rectory office to register for this class. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism.
- Bulletin:** Bulletin announcements due on Tuesday by 10:00 AM.
- Religious Education:** Classes continue on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* (4 yr. olds, K, 1<sup>st</sup>) — 9:15-10:30 AM *Elementary CCD* (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>) — 9:15-10:30 AM in the CCD Bldg. *EDGE* (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>) — 9:15-10:30 AM in the I. C. Hall R.C.I.C. — 4:00-5:15 PM in the CCD Bldg. Confirmation I & II — 6:00-7:45 PM in the I. C. Hall (no class) 11<sup>th</sup> & 12 Grades — 6:30-7:30 PM in the CCD Bldg.
- R.C.I.A.:** Sundays at 9:15 AM.
- Adult Spiritual Formation:** Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 PM in the hall.
- Walking with Purpose:** Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM in the hall.
- Scripture Study:** Sundays at 9:15.
- Catholic Daughters Court #2290:** Next meeting is on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the I. C. Hall foyer.
- Knights of Columbus:** Next meeting is on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the K.C. Building.
- Salt Youth Music Ministry:** On Sunday before Mass. Practice every Tuesday from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Church.

**THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

The collection for the Church in Latin America is January 22, 2017. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs.

**NEWMAN CATHOLIC CAMPUS CENTER**

**College Bound?** Don't leave your faith at home! Del Mar and TAMUK and TAMUCC students can join the Newman Catholic Campus Center for Mass, Bible studies, and fellowship and fun. Go to [www.newmanconnection.com](http://www.newmanconnection.com) for information.

**COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEKEND**

St. Thomas the Apostle	\$16,392.95
Advent Mission:	\$ 1,785.00
St. Patrick Mission	\$ 514.00

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