

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

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**Youth Choir:** Vic Benys  
**Custodian:** Andrea Pena

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

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

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

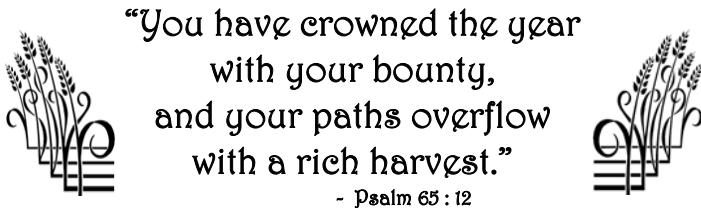
**Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick Mission:** 4:00 PM

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

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

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


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



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

**LECTORS for JULY 22-23, 2017**

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tanya Whitehead  
 Sunday, 8 AM: Gwen Gomez  
 Sunday, 11 AM: Paul Silva

  
 Liturgical  
**Ministers**  
*St. Thomas the Apostle*


**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for JULY 22-23, 2017**

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Dianne Oliver, Leesa Sager  
 Sunday, 8 AM: Deacon Bill, Kieran & Jenny Tobin,  
 Tony & Yolanda Villarreal  
 Sunday, 11 AM: Shannon Aguilar, Jesse & Velma Garcia,  
 Bill & Evon Kelly

**ALTAR SERVERS for JULY 22-23, 2017**

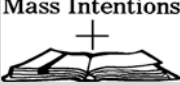
Saturday, 5:30 PM: Volunteers  
 Sunday, 8 AM: Amanda & Kendall & Taylor Dusek,  
 Kayla Tovar  
 Sunday, 11 AM: Leanna Aguilar, Karah & Keirsten Albert,  
 Addison Williams

St. Thomas the Apostle Website: [www.christon624.com](http://www.christon624.com)

*Please Pray for ...* 

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 Blaylock, Nina Riebschleager, Joe Hominick, Nikki Brown,  
 Gina Wernig and Courtney Morris.

*Call/email the rectory office to include a person on the 2017 PRAYER LIST*

  
 Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017**  
 4:00 PM: @ St. Patrick Mission  
 †David McCown by Darwin & Theresa Baucum  
 5:30 PM: **VIGIL MASS @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 †Leo McCumber by Betty Long

**SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 8:00 AM: †Lucilla DeLeon by Sandra Knezek  
 11:00 AM: **COLLECTIVE MASS**  
 †Ismael Pena, Jr. by Yolanda Pena  
 †Margaret Johnson by Kenny & Kathy Johnson  
 Fr. Gabriel Franks by Kenny & Kathy Johnson  
 Juliet Johnson by Kenny & Kathy Johnson  
 Elizabeth Blaylock by Kenny & Kathy Johnson

**MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle - No Mass  
 & St. Patrick Mission - No Mass**

**TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 12:05 PM: †George Salinas by David & Delma Tamez

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 12:05 PM: †Mabel Ginn by Johnny Ginn

**THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 12:05 PM: †Monica Marie Villarreal by Tony & Yolanda Villarreal

**FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 12:05 PM: †Geneva Strmiska by John & Annette Freeman

**SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017**  
 4:00 PM: @ St. Patrick Mission  
 †Ruth Wright by Robert Sparks & Family  
 5:30 PM: **VIGIL MASS @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
**COLLECTIVE MASS**  
 †Harlew Conally by Betty Conally  
 †Bobbie Hans by Mary Ann Hans  
 †Boone Hans by Mary Ann Hans  
 †Augi Carpenter by John & Annette Freeman  
 Brett Schilhab (Birthday) by Charlie & Jean Chapman

**SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 8:00 AM: Parishioners  
 11:00 AM: †David Schneider by Rosario Gonzalez

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**


Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24  
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27  
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30  
 Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15,  
 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis  
 Thursday: St. Apollinaris  
 Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
 Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every Wednesday night from 7:00-8:00 p.m.



**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY**

We may no longer live in a society dominated by agriculture the way that ancient Israel was, but in the middle of summer we can still relate to stories about planting and growing seeds. As we gather for worship this weekend, let us open our hearts to the images and stories we will hear, so that the seeds of God's love may take root in our lives.

*Isaiah 55: 10-11*      *God's word accomplishes its intended purpose.*  
*Psalms 65*              *"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."*  
*Romans 8: 18-23*      *All creation eagerly awaits the glory of God.*  
*Matthew 13: 1-23*      *A sower went out to sow.*

Today we are all farmers. The first reading, psalm, and Gospel all offer us farming metaphors. As the first reading speaks of God's word going forth, the Gospel speaks of how God's word is received. As Jesus says, "Whoever has ears ought to hear." So let us reflect on the lavishness of God's love, tossing seeds everywhere, greatly increasing the chance that some will take root and transform the world. Let us be receptive soil today!

**REFLECTION**

- "My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Given that the average seed yields 7.5-fold, Jesus' opening prediction of a hundredfold is radically optimistic indeed, especially given last week's Gospel: rejection by the "wise and learned" with unseeing eyes, unhearing ears, unresponsive hearts. Wouldn't we settle for average? A few strong, promising plants?
- For that matter, look at us! Very much Jesus' mixed terrain-hearts trampled by hordes of superficial acquaintances, caravans of tradespeople, armies battling for our limited loyalty. Could anything grow on such a life-wearied surface? Think too of those rocky edges of personality, our lack of depth, defying anything or anyone to take root. Thorns of "worldly anxiety," "lure of riches," other things we'd rather not mention (Matthew 13:22). Could any living thing breathe, let alone flourish, in the jungle of our hearts?
- But wait! Without denying what unreceptive soil we are much of the time, don't we sometimes surprise even ourselves by sensing Jesus' word unexpectedly triggering rebirth within? If even ourselves, then why not the wider Church or even our warring world? In God's maddeningly patient time, of course, and in God's hidden, silent way. What if, with Paul, we dared believe that all "creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God" (Romans 8:19)? What if we offered our humble efforts, our very selves to Jesus' work of patient, persevering sowing, and did so with the same spendthrift generosity and daring optimism the Divine Sower lavishes on us?

**Question of the Week**

What kind of soil have I been this past week? How can I become better soil this week?

*From the Desk of the Pastor*

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Altar Flowers:** Call the rectory office to donate flowers for the altar.

**Baptism Class:** Call the rectory office to register for this class. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism. The St. Thomas website has more information

**Bulletin:** Bulletin announcements due on Tuesday by 10:00 AM.

**Religious Education:** Registration begins in August and classes resume in September.

*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* (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<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* — 5:30-7:30 PM September 24, 2017 in the I. C. Hall

*LIFETEEN* — 5:30-7:30 PM September 10, 2017 in the I. C. Hall.

**Scripture Study:** On CCD Sundays at 9:15 AM in the KC Bldg.

**Catholic Daughters Court #2290:** Next meeting is on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the I. C. Hall foyer.

**Knights of Columbus:** Next meeting is on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the K.C. Building.

**Salt Youth Music Ministry:** Meet on Sunday before Mass. Practice every Tuesday from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Church.

**Czechfest:** *SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 1, 2017.* The next meeting is Monday, July 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the I. C. Hall.



**SUMMER VACATION**

Enjoy the summer time with your family. This is God's country and His creations our wonderful to behold. Offer prayers daily.

**CGS WORK DAYS**

Please join us as we prepare the Atriums in the Religious Education Building for this upcoming schoolyear and to assist in preparing presentations for CGS. Evening workdays will be on Wednesday from 6-8:00 p.m. A full work day will be on Sunday, **August 6th** from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Join us to prepare the new atriums for CGS. Please call Michele Hoelscher at 361-244-2138 if you have any questions.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

On July 15-16, 2017, the Second Collection will be for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Through the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa the Subcommittee on the Church in Africa provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

**COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEKEND**

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**WHY IS IT?**

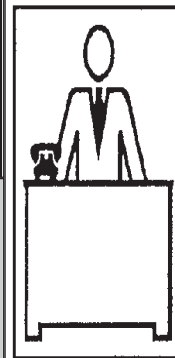
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