

# **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 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**Holy Day Masses @ St. Thomas:** 7 AM & 7 PM  
**Sunday Masses @ St. Thomas:** 8 AM & 11 AM

**Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick Mission:** 4:00 PM  
**Confessions:** 30 Minutes before Masses or by appointment

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



“Those who are just  
must be kind.”

- Wisdom 12 : 19

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

**LECTORS for JULY 29-30, 2017**

**Saturday, 5:30 PM:** Patricia Bryant  
**Sunday, 8 AM:** Les Hoelscher  
**Sunday, 11 AM:** David Gonzalez



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for JULY 29-30, 2017**

**Saturday, 5:30 PM:** Michael & Malynn Wahlen  
**Sunday, 8 AM:** Deacon Bill, Linda Avila, Josie Blevins,  
 Agnes Flores, Gwen Gomez  
**Sunday, 11 AM:** Rosa Carrillo, Tanya Whitehead, Kelly Dunn,  
 Taryn Palacios, Melissa Pavell

**ALTAR SERVERS for JULY 29-30, 2017**

**Saturday, 5:30 PM:** Volunteers  
**Sunday, 8 AM:** Andres & Adan Trevino,  
 Elliott Hoelscher  
**Sunday, 11 AM:** Madeline & Molly Dunn, Lincoln Polasek,  
 Abigail Smith, Andy Vela

**Mass Intentions**



**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

**MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle - No Mass  
 & St. Patrick Mission - No Mass**

**TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

**12:05 PM:** †Edward Rektorik by Michael Rektorik

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

**12:05 PM:** Susie Tajchman (Birthday) by David Tajchman

**THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

**12:05 PM:** †Geneva Strmiska by Herbert & Eileen Champine

**FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

**12:05 PM:** †David Tajchman (AOD) Jr. by David & Susie Tajchman

**SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017**

**4:00 PM: @ St. Patrick Mission**  
 †Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance  
 by Robstown Branch of Catholic Life Insurance #83  
**5:30 PM: VIGIL MASS @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
**COLLECTIVE MASS**  
**Parishioners**  
 †Monica Marie Villarreal by Tony & Yolanda Villarreal  
 †Ottie Zieger by Charlie & Jean Chapman  
 †Boone Hans by Barbara Imken  
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**SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

**8:00 AM:** †Maria G. DeLeon by Fred & Anna Ramos  
**11:00 AM:** †Proxey Prukop by John & Annette Freeman

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42  
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28  
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;  
 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17  
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23  
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27; Lk 10:38-42

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

*Please Pray for ...*



Emil & Mary Jo Prukop, Conrad & Christine Prukop,  
 Hattie Kotara, Kenneth Haunschild, Charlie & Jean Chapman,  
 John Quinn, Jerry & Margie Vogel, Alex Barrera, Jayla Silva,  
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 Mason Leibham, Geneva Lintner, Don Ermis, Aida Deases,  
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 Marty Douglas, Mary Heany, Emma Perez, Patrick Nemecek,  
 Diane Saenz, David Rowden, Rene Canales, James Light,  
 Andrew Arevalo, Ron Kelley, Brock Pratt, Tommy Morgan,  
 David Tajchman, Vicki and Phillip Leon-Guerrero, David Cole,  
 Helen Bisaha, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Linenberger, Juliet Johnson,  
 Fr. Gabriel Franks, Elizabeth Blaylock, Nina Riebschleager,  
 Joe Hominick, Gina Wernig, Nikki Brown and Courtney  
 Morris.

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

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhluf  
 Tuesday: Feast of St. James  
 Wednesday: Memorial of Ss. Joachim and Anne  
 Saturday: Memorial of St. Martha



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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

**LITURGY OF THE DAY**

For the past few Sundays we have heard Jesus defining discipleship for us. Today our attention is drawn to the focus of our work as disciples, the kingdom of heaven. For the next two Sundays we will hear parables about what the kingdom of heaven is like, but it will not always be easy for us to grasp the meaning of these parables. Perhaps our prayer today can be for clarity and understanding, so that we will be able to discern what God wants for us.

*Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*    *God gives repentance for our sins.*  
*Psalm 86*                *"Lord, you are good and forgiving."*  
*Romans 8:26-27*        *The Spirit intercedes for us.*  
*Matthew 13:24-43*      *Let the seeds grow together until harvest.*

Today's first reading sets the context for the Gospel reading by announcing that God judges with mercy and permits repentance for our sins. Using this lens to look at the Gospel, we can see that our merciful God allows plenty of time for the weeds and wheat to grow together, so that the wheat is not pulled up accidentally. Let us listen today for God's message of mercy.

**REFLECTION**

- Of all God's attributes, Wisdom praises God's "lenience," though "power, whenever you will, attends you" (12:18). Regarding God's expectations, Wisdom considers one indispensable: "Those who are just must be kind" (12:19). But doesn't God sometimes seem too lenient, content to ignore the weeds, when a glance at the world or even the Church suggests a little gardening is long overdue? We, God's willing servants, can see the weeds so clearly. We'd be delighted to clean things up thoroughly and quickly.

- Don't our private reflections sometimes sound like that? Paul acknowledges, "We do not know how to pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26). Rather than praying that we become more like God, we demand that God become more like us, thorough and quick. But God, shrewd householder indeed, knows our zeal but wisely distrusts our discernment. We're zealous, yes, but judgmental too. What looks like weeds to us may be wheat in God's eyes. Thus God patiently defers judgment, postpones punishment.

- Moreover, aren't we missing one of the parable's important points by casting ourselves solely as willing harvesters? Aren't we still growing ourselves? Which are we then? Wheat, weeds, or both at different times? Would we want anyone as zealous and judgmental as we are deciding definitively whether we're wheat or weeds before we've had time to grow to full maturity? Rather than bemoan a world or even a church with weeds growing among the wheat, let us praise God's gracious patience toward that slowly maturing, mixed-bag field that, after all, includes us.

**Question of the Week**

This week, what can I do to be a mustard seed or a bit of yeast, doing a little good in a hidden way, making a little difference?

*From the Desk of Fr. Philip*

*"You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
 abounding in kindness to all who call upon you."*

**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 the Apostle 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.

CGS (4 yr. olds, K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) — 9:15-10:30 AM

Elementary CCD (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>) — 9:15-10:30 AM in the CCD Bldg.

R.C.I.C. — 4:00-5:15 PM 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

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.

**NFP AWARENESS WEEK**

This weekend signals the beginning of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 23-29. If you are married or preparing to be married, we invite you to prayerfully consider the consistent teaching of the Church regarding married love that is unitive and procreative. For more information about Natural Family Planning, please visit <https://diocesecc.org/natural-family-planning> or call the Office at (361) 882-6191.

**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.

**WEEKEND OFFERINGS (Team 2)**



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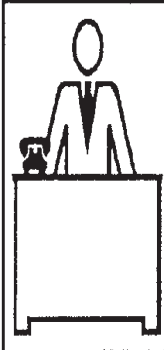
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