

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

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**Deacon** Bill Cleavelin (361-208-2146)  
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**EDGE:** Rachel Unterbrink  
**LIFETEEN:** Cristina Robles

**Sacristan:** Jerry Knesek  
**Music:** Vic Benys  
**Custodians:** Andrea Peña  
Yolanda Tobon

**Holy Day Vigil @ St. Thomas:** 6:30 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:** 4:00 PM

**Holy Day Mass @ St. Thomas:** 7 AM

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

**Holy Day Mass @ St. Patrick:** 8:15 AM

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

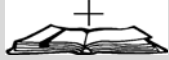
**Confession:** 30 Minutes before Masses or by appointment



“Turn to the Lord for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous  
in forgiving.”

- Isaiah 55: 7b

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

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

†Ruth Wright by Robert Sparks & Family

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

†David Schneider by Rosario Gonzalez

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:00 AM: COLLECTIVE MASS

For Parishioners

†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

Nina Riebschleager by Kenny & Kathy Johnson

11:00 AM: †Ismael Pena, Jr. (AOD) by Yolanda Pena

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 - No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:05 PM: †Robert Faas by John & Annette Freeman

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:05 PM: †Deacon Alan K. Borse (AOD) by Diana Borse

7:00 PM: ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:05 PM: †Emerick & †Angeline Tajchman by David & Susie

Tajchman

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:05 PM: Ismael Carlos Pena (Birthday) by Yolanda Pena

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

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

†David McCown by Harold & Lillian McCown

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

COLLECTIVE MASS

†Harlew Conally by Betty Conally

†Bobbie Hans by Mary Ann Hans

†Boone Hans (AOB) by Mary Ann Hans

†Monica Marie Villarreal by Tony & Yolanda Villarreal

†Geneva Strmiska by Lauri O'Leary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle (Czechfest)

10:00 AM: Mass with Bishop Michael Mulvey

For Parishioners

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday: St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

Friday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Saturday: St. Jerome

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

LECTORS for SEPT. 30-OCT. 1, 2017

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Leesa Sager

Sunday, 10 AM: Annette Freeman, David Gonzalez



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for SEPT. 30-OCT. 1, 2017

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tanya Whitehead, Trish Yaklin

Sunday, 10 AM: Deacon Bill, Aaron & Michele Hoelscher,

Dr. Tony & Yolanda Villarreal, Paul & Melana Silva

ALTAR SERVERS for SEPT. 30-OCT. 1, 2017

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Volunteers

Sunday, 10 AM: Lincoln Polasek, Lauren Unterbrink,

Reid & Katelyn Wilson

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,  
Leonard & Leona Logue, Glenda Tvrdik, Mason Leibham,  
Geneva Lintner, Don Ermis, Aida Deases, Gracie Herrera,  
Stephanie Landreth, Jim Landreth Sr., David Tajchman,  
Marty Douglas, Mary Heany, Patrick Nemecek, Diane Saenz,  
David Rowden, Rene Canales, James Light, Andrew Arevalo,  
Ron Kelley, Brock Pratt, Tommy Morgan, Vicki and Phillip  
Leon-Guerrero, David Cole, Helen Bisaha, Mr. and Mrs. Nick  
Linenberger, Juliet Johnson, Nikki Brown, Fr. Gabriel Franks,  
Elizabeth Blaylock, Nina Riebschleager, Margarita Marquez,  
Joe Hominick, Delma Tamez, Pablo De Leon, John Floyd,  
Dalia Gutierrez, Elva Rosas, and Betty Black.

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

R F O R t h e W E E K S	Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
	Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
	Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
	Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
	Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

There will be two meetings for all current altar servers and those wishing to become altar servers. The meetings are on Sunday, September 24 and Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the church. The meeting will allow you to meet other altar servers, receive training in duties during Mass, learn about the vestments and altar vessels, and ask any questions you might have about altar serving. Altar server candidates should be at least 8 years of age. Contact Paul Silva for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Deacon Bill Cleavelin on the 29th anniversary of his diaconate of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. We thank you for your dedicated service to St. Thomas the Apostle Church and St. Patrick Mission.

**LITURGY OF THE DAY— REFLECTION**

It is simply never too late to experience God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us pray in gratitude for God whose generosity is so compelling.

- On Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament illumines the Gospel: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD” (Isaiah 55:8). Then Jesus’ parable presents the exact opposite of any reasonable employment contract, any respectable definition of “justice.” Instead, how utterly prodigal God’s goodness toward us, how unmerited God’s gifts.

- For Jesus’ parable challenges our usual definitions of success: to be healthy, wealthy, and wise; to acquire possessions, educational and professional accomplishments, athletic awards, other forms of achievement, status, prestige; to classify others as “better off,” “worse off,” or “about the same.” Such comparisons lead to arrogance or prompt envy, both reactions incompatible with membership in God’s kingdom. What ignited anger in the parable was the landowner making “latecomers” equal to the “all-day crew.”

- For us, the “latecomers” may be non-practicing parishioners, non-believers, or notorious sinners welcomed back with “last rites” at “the eleventh hour.” Often, among “devout” disciples, such miracles of grace prompt not thankful prayers but righteous (jealous?) indignation that those “last in” should be treated as “equal to us.” Like the prodigal son’s elder brother: “For years I have slaved for you!” (cf. Luke 15:29). How different if we, like Paul, believed that “life is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). Our standing—first, last—would be utterly irrelevant. To share life, to share Christ with any fellow-worker at whatever hour would be sheer joy. On the other hand, the parable proposes a secondary, salutary moral: the problem with eleventh-hour conversions is that Death sometimes arrives at 10:30!

*From the Desk of Fr. Philip*

**Čzechfest 2017**

Čzechfest is rapidly approaching and we need your help to:

- ◆ Pray for the success of our parish festival.
- ◆ Sign-up in the different areas needing help. Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer of the church.
- ◆ Bring arts and crafts items for the Country Store to the parish office between 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily.
- ◆ Bring a new \$25 item for the Silent or Live Auction to the parish office between 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily.
- ◆ Bring cookies, cakes, brownies, etc. on Čzechfest Saturday or Sunday morning for the Cake Walk and Country Store.
- ◆ Come on Čzechfest Saturday and help set up everything.
- ◆ Attend Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 2, 2017 with Bishop Michael Mulvey.
- ◆ Invite friends and family to come and enjoy Čzechfest.
- ◆ Come to work and eat and play at Čzechfest on Sunday.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*How will I stop acting like a self-appointed judge of “latecomers” and begin serving as a member of God’s “welcome wagon”? After all, God has welcomed even me.*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend, the flowers on the altar are in remembrance of Bill and Ray Ann Sager on the anniversary of their deaths by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Sager and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Hesseltine and Hayden Sager.

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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

**A.P.O.S.T.L.E.:** Meets on CCD Sundays from 9:15-10:30 AM in the K.C. Building.

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

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

**Catholic Daughters Court #2290:** Next meeting is September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the I. C. Hall foyer.

**Knights of Columbus:** Next meeting is on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the K.C. Building.

**R.C.I.A.:** On CCD Sundays at 9:15 AM in the KC Bldg.

**Religious Education: Classes continue September 24, 2017**

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

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

R.C.I.C. — (TBA)

EDGE (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>) — 9:15-10:35 AM in the I. C. Hall

CONFIRMATION — 5:30-7:30 PM in the I. C. Hall

LIFETEEN (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>) — 5:30-7:30 PM in the I. C. Hall.

**SALT Youth Music Ministry:** Meet on Sunday before Mass.

Practice every Tuesday from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Church.

**Walking with Purpose:** Meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM in the I. C. Hall.

**ST. PATRICK MISSION CCD**

To the Parents and Students of St. Patrick Mission: Please make plans to attend the first day of CCD Classes on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 from 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. in the SPM hall. Registration will take place at 5:00 p.m. on that same date. As usual, there is no cost.

**OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK**

	WEEKEND	2nd COLLECTION
St. Thomas the Apostle	\$10,161.12	\$586.22
St. Patrick Mission	\$496.00	\$23.00

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:**

Čzechfest

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