

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

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**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:** 7:00 PM

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

**Holy Day Mass @ St. Patrick:** 8:00 AM

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

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



Matthew 25:35

“I was hungry  
and you gavę mę food,  
I was thirsty  
and you gavę mę drink.”

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

**LECTORS for DECEMBER 2-3, 2017**

**Saturday, 5:30 PM:** Agnes Flores  
**Sunday, 8 AM:** Yolanda Hominick  
**Sunday, 11 AM:** Velma Garcia



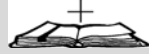
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for DECEMBER 2-3, 2017**

**Saturday, 5:30 PM:** Dianne Oliver, Leesa Sager  
**Sunday, 8 AM:** Deacon Bill, Aaron & Michele Hoelscher  
**Sunday, 11 AM:** Tanya Whitehead, Frank Wilson,  
Shannon Aguilar

**ALTAR SERVERS for DECEMBER 2-3, 2017**

**Saturday, 5:30 PM:** Adryanna & Micaela Gomez, Bethany Whitehead  
**Sunday, 8 AM:** Adan & Andres Trevino, Kayla Tovar  
**Sunday, 11 AM:** Lincoln Polasek, Madeline & Molly Dunn

**Mass Intentions**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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 by Mary Ann Hans

†Geneva Strmiska by Georgia Foster

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

**8:00 AM: Parishioners**

**11:00 AM:** †Proxey K. Prukop by Liz Leeper

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017 - NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

**12:05 PM:** Ron Kelley (Healing) by Mari Beth

**7:00 PM: ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

**12:05 PM:** Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance  
by the Robstown, Branch of Catholic Life Insurance #83

**FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017**

**8:00 AM: @ St. Patrick Mission**

†Robert Cantu & †Esther Cantu & †Bobbie Cantu  
by Michael Cantu

**12:05 PM: @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

†Eddie Ginn by John & Annette Freeman

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017, 2017**

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

†Leslie Rychetsky & †Mattie Rychetsky & †Willie Mae Allison  
by Jerry & Carmen Rychetsky

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

†Geneva Strmiska by Lauri O’Leary

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

**8:00 AM: Parishioners**

**11:00 AM: COLLECTIVE MASS**

†John D. Bowman II by John & Chi Bowman

†Maria Nguyen by John & Chi Bowman

†Augi Carpenter by Deane Charba & Shirlene Dillon

†Horatio Oliveira by Michael Rektorik

*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 Nemeč, 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, Joe Hominick,
- Mr. and Mrs. Nick Linenberger, Juliet Johnson, Nikki Brown,
- Fr. Gabriel Franks, Elizabeth Blaylock, Nina Riebschleager,
- Margarita Marquez, Delma Tamez, Julia Jonse, John Floyd,
- Pablo De Leon, Dalia Gutierrez, Elva Rosas, Joe Puente,
- Jessica De Los Santos, Meliyah Loa, Margaret Shackleton,
- Karen Lee, Pauline Clarke, Rose Gwodsz, Amanda Villarreal,
- Frances Raska, Sam Longoria, Larry Fuhrken, Louise Mokry,
- and Taylor Berry.

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

**TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE**

The annual Texas Rally for Life stands in solidarity with the lives lost in the legal practice of abortion. This year marks the 45th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, a sad event that ushered in an era of abortion on demand. The Diocese of Corpus Christi has reserved six buses that will depart Saturday morning, January 27, 2018, from various locations, including St. John Paul II High School. Cost is \$35 per person and includes bus transportation to and from Austin with an option to purchase a t-shirt for \$7. To reserve your spot on one of the buses go to [diocesecc.org/texasrallyforlife](http://diocesecc.org/texasrallyforlife) to register. Please keep praying and working to protect the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the I. C. Hall for the Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

**LITURGY OF THE DAY**

**INTRODUCTION.** Often when we think of Christ with his title of “King” we think about the Last Judgment. At our celebration today we will indeed hear about Christ at the end-times. Yet the purpose of our gathering here is not to become fearful about what is to come, but rather to support one another in the tasks at hand, encouraged by our good and faithful Shepherd. This way, when judgment time comes, we can be ready and rejoice over the good deeds that have built up God’s kingdom.

Today’s reading from Ezekiel is the perfect setup for the Gospel. In conclusion, the Lord God promises to judge between the sheep and the goats. That is where the Gospel story picks up. By what standard does the Son of Man judge? By whether we engaged in the corporal works of mercy! The Year of Mercy ended three hundred sixty-five days ago, but we must always remember to be merciful to our sisters and brothers.

**REFLECTION.** At his Passion, Jesus was judged by the religious establishment for blasphemy and by the secular authorities for sedition. Today, Jesus teaches what the real judgment will be about — simple, straightforward observations about practical charity: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. In fact, at this judgment there isn’t even a “sentencing.” The King will simply assign us then the place we’ve already chosen by our decision to perform or to neglect such charity. The only surprise is that care extended or refused to “these least brothers (and sisters) of mine” turns out to have been care extended or refused to the King himself (Matthew 25:40).

Note too how our present attitude will impact our eternal beatitude. In Jesus’ story, the unjust imply that they would have helped, if only they had known who that needy person really was! The just, however, did good for goodness’ sake alone, serving others from the heart, instinctively, spontaneously, like Jesus, with no self-serving ulterior motive, no thought of any reward.

But thankfully, even on Judgment Day, there will be more than reward and punishment. Ezekiel proclaims that the King who comes to judge is still our Good Shepherd—to the very end, intent on “rescuing the scattered, seeking out the lost, bringing back the strays, binding up the injured, healing the sick” (cf. 34:12,16). Today’s story of the Last Judgment, then, is less a frightening vision of the future and more a practical program for the present.

*From the Desk of Fr. Philip*

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*Having myself been found by divine mercy,  
what will I do during Advent to seek those in need?  
Are they already right here in front of me?*

**INFORMATION CORNER**

**Altar Flowers:** Call the parish 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 parish 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 November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the I. C. Hall foyer.

**Knights of Columbus:** Next meeting is on December 4<sup>th</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.

**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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Check the schedule for specific information on classes.**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE: SUNDAYS**

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. — in the RE Building

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

**ST. PATRICK MISSION: WEDNESDAYS**

CCD — 5:15-6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

**WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

As it was even prior to creation, God exists eternally as a Trinity of Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As the Trinity, these three Persons are inseparable—equal in one divine nature, yet different as distinct persons. The Nicene Creed says the Holy Spirit “proceeds from the Father and the Son.” *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the Holy Spirit is “consubstantial (meaning ‘with the same nature or substance’) with the Father and the Son”. (To be continued /Our Sunday Visitor)

**RECOGNITION OF ALTAR SERVERS**

The Diocese of Corpus Christi has recognized all the altar servers in the parishes at the 2017 Altar Server Recognition Ceremony last Sunday, November 19, 2017 at Corpus Christi Cathedral. The altar servers recognized from our parish are:

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Kendall Dusek     | Andres Trevino    |
| Miranda Pilarczyk | Lauren Unterbrink |
| R. J. Loa         | Lincoln Polasek   |
| Amanda Dusek      | Reid Wilson       |

Congratulations altar servers and thank you for your service.



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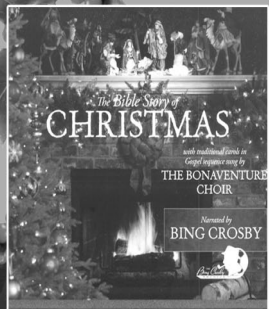
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