

## **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



**"The greatest among you must be your servant."**

*- Matthew 23: 11*

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

**LECTORS for NOVEMBER 11-12, 2017**

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Leesa Sager  
 Sunday, 8 AM: John Harris  
 Sunday, 11 AM: Paul Pilarczyk



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for NOVEMBER 11-12, 2017**

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Michael & Malynn Wahlen  
 Sunday, 8 AM: Deacon Bill, Louis Deases, Fred Ramos  
 Sunday, 11 AM: Bill & Evon Kelly, Julie Morris, Taryn Palacios, Melissa Pavell

**ALTAR SERVERS for NOVEMBER 11-12, 2017**

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Lincoln Polasek, Abigail Smith, Andy Vela  
 Sunday, 8 AM: Jace Compton, Elliott Hoelscher, Davy Spicak  
 Sunday, 11 AM: Caleb Emory, Blake Koether, R. J. Loa

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

*Please Pray for . . .*



- Emil & Mary Jo Prukop, Conrad & Christine Prukop,
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- 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 Jones, John Floyd,
- Pablo De Leon, Dalia Gutierrez, Elva Rosas, Joe Puente,
- Jessica De Los Santos, Meliyah Loa, Margaret Shackleton,
- Karen Lee, Pauline Clarke, Rose Gwosdz, Amanda Villarreal.

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

R E A D I N G S	Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcd-e-3; Lk 14:15-24 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22 Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
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**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017**  
 (Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo)  
 4:00 PM: VIGIL MASS @ St. Patrick Mission  
 MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA  
 5:30 PM: VIGIL MASS @ St. Thomas the Apostle  
 MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 8:00 AM: MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA  
 11:00 AM: MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017 - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 12:05 PM: MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 12:05 PM: MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA  
 7:00 PM: ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 12:05 PM: MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 12:05 PM: MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**  
 4:00 PM: VIGIL MASS @ St. Patrick Mission  
 MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA  
 5:30 PM: VIGIL MASS @ St. Thomas the Apostle  
 MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017 @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 8:00 AM: MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA  
 11:00 AM: MASS - †ALL SOULS' NOVENA

**"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
 and let the perpetual light shine upon them."**

†Hector Etheridge †Cristel Figueroa, Jr. †Anna Marie Kocurek †Walter Lock	†Dolores Martinez †Cruz Sanchez †Nicole Stich †Rance Vaughan
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**"May all the Souls of the faithful departed  
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen."**

**LIFETEEN PROJECT**

LIFETEEN is going to be working on a Works of Mercy project making Blankets for Babies. We need help from the community to donate 2 yards of fleece material for this project. You can bring your donation of material(s) to the foyer of the church and place in the designated box. Thank you and God bless. For any questions contact Cristina Robles, LIFETEEN Coordinator.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11)  
 Thursday: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
 Friday: Memorial of St. Leo the Great  
 Saturday: Memorial of St. Martin of Tours

**LITURGY OF THE DAY**

**INTRODUCTION.** In our political and commercial world, it appears that humility is not a virtue. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us otherwise. As we gather for worship today at our loving God's invitation, it might be good to step back from advertisements and exhortations that encourage us to exalt ourselves, and instead pray for the humility of Christ in all our daily interactions.

Our first reading and Gospel deliver a very clear message about practicing what we preach. Imagine being a scribe or Pharisee and hearing Jesus tell the people to ignore what you do and only do what you preach! As we hear this word, let us each examine our own lives. Do we do what God asks of us, or do we only pay lip service to God's commands?

**REFLECTION.** What an indictment of Israel's priests Malachi presents, condemning both their personal lifestyle and their failure to care for God's people! Bad enough that they "turned aside from the way, and . . . made void the covenant" (2:8). The ripple effect on the community's spiritual life is worse: You "have caused many to falter by your instruction (2:8). Our every action has an effect, positive or negative, on the whole community: "Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us?" (2:10). Thus, for Malachi, the priests' failures are not only personal violations of "the covenant of our fathers," though they are certainly that, but a very real "break(ing) faith with one another" (2:10).

In Matthew, the priests of Malachi's prophecy have become the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' time. In the performance of their works, says Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees rely on titles (Rabbi, teacher, father, Master) and trappings (wider phylacteries, longer tassels) to guarantee by custom a respect they no longer command by example. Listening to this Gospel reading now, today's Church needs to hear these hard sayings of Jesus with a humility that does not let us off the hook. For instance, doesn't Malachi's lament about scandalous failures exposing the community's leaders to contempt hit uncomfortably close to home? Less spectacularly, how many laypeople, hungry for gospel wisdom, Catholic teaching, and the Church's liturgy, have found themselves the captive audience of an egotistic cleric, imposing on them his version of each? It should go without saying that committed laity, no less than the clergy, also need to take today's scriptural critique to heart.

In one of his early "parishes," some two thousand years ago, Paul tried to be as gentle "as a nursing mother," serving "with such affection" that he shared not only "the gospel of God, but our very selves" (1 Thessalonians 2:7,8). Paul strove not to be a burden, indeed to embrace "toil and drudgery," so that the word of God he preached would ring true (2:9). An ideal that all of us—clergy and laity—can take to heart and put into practice.

*From the Desk of Fr. Philip*

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*When I think about the ministry I undertake in my community of faith, how can I ensure that it always reflects the word of God and not my own agenda?*

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Altar Flowers:** Call the parish office to donate flowers for the altar. This weekend's flowers are donated by Josie Blevins in memory of her husband +Carson Blevins on the anniversary of his death.

**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 November 6<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.

**Religious Education: Classes continue November 12, 2017**  
**Check the schedule for specific information on classes.**

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.

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.



**Daylight Savings Time ends  
 on November 5, 2017.  
 Turn clocks back 1 hour.**



**CZECHFEST FOLLOW-UP/ EVALUATION**

All parishioners are invited to the follow-up meeting of Czechfest on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the I. C. Hall. All the different committees will report on their respective areas. Evaluation of Czechfest is important to improve our time and efforts spent on our parish fundraiser. Come and bring your comments and suggestions, and most importantly commit to helping with Czechfest next year on October 7, 2018. Contact Sidney Faas or Gary Clarke if you have any questions. Thank you and God bless.

**OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**SECOND COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 18-19, 2017**

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

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